

# HUNTING and TRAPPING

July 2009 – June 2010 Regulations Summary



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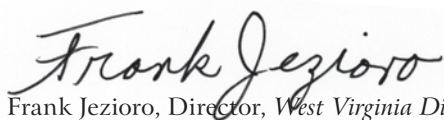
For a while we've been considering earlier seasons for both bowhunters and muzzleloader hunters. We were looking to increase hunting opportunities and to improve management of the state's deer herd in areas with too many deer. We realized that high deer populations tend to exist on private lands and that harvesting female deer is the most important tool wildlife managers use to regulate deer numbers.

We also realize that some people prefer to hunt when the weather is warmer, especially muzzleloader hunters whose season during some of the roughest winter weather often impacted their success and enjoyment of the total experience.

So this year we will have special antlerless deer seasons in September for both archery and muzzleloader hunting. These special seasons are for **ANTLERLESS DEER ONLY** and will be held in selected counties where the harvest of additional antlerless deer is necessary for management purposes. Revenue generated from these additional stamps will help us continue our quest for additional land to hunt on and more and better access to our forests and streams.

Remember, it can be warm in West Virginia during September and deer will need to be cooled and processed quickly. During my experiences hunting antelope in Wyoming during September, the temperature has reached 90 degrees. In this hot weather, we simply keep a bag of ice in a cooler, jerk the hide off of the antelope, and put a bag of ice inside the rib cage. This keeps the meat good until we get it to the processor.

I sincerely hope that these two additional weeks of hunting will be as enjoyable as we think they will. It won't be getting dark as early so it would be a great time to get the kids out for a couple of hours after school. Be safe and enjoy another great year in the West Virginia outdoors.



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## SUMMARY OF CHANGES 2009-2010

1. All private land in counties having a firearms antlerless deer season (Class N or NN) will be open November 23 – December 12 and December 29-31. All public lands having an antlerless deer season will be open November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31. Bag limits vary among counties but will be either one, two or four antlerless deer. See pages 19-21.
2. Calvin Price State Forest in Pocahontas County has been designated a special Older-aged Deer Management Area requiring all antlered deer taken to have a minimum outside antler spread of 14 inches, limiting the bag limit on the area to one antlered deer for all seasons combined, and prohibiting baiting or feeding of wildlife on the area (see pages 11, 23, 26 and 28).
3. Black bear hunting seasons are less liberal in 2009 with only four counties open September 21-26; five counties open November 23 – December 5 during the Buck Season, and 44 counties open December 7-31. The daily bag and season limit is one bear. See pages 35-38.
4. There will be a special controlled black bear hunting season with dogs December 7-31, 2009 on Nathaniel Mountain Wildlife Management Area. Prior application is required. See page 38.
5. The second split of the Special Youth and Class Q/QQ Hunting Season has been changed to the first two hunting days following Christmas Day (excluding Sunday). See pages 30-31.
6. There will be a one-week Special Antlerless Deer Archery Season on private land only in selected counties September 14-19, 2009, and will allow the taking of one additional antlerless deer that must be checked on a Class RB or Class RRB stamp. See pages 17 and 24.
7. There will be a one-week Special Antlerless Deer Muzzleloader Season on private land only in selected counties September 21-26, 2009, and will allow the taking of one additional antlerless deer that must be checked on a Class RM or Class RRM stamp. See pages 17 and 29.



# 2009-2010 Seasons, Dates and Limits

| Species  | Opening Date           | Closing Date   | Daily Bag Limit  | Possession Limit                                   | Season Limit |
|--|------------------------|--|--|--|--------------|
| *Wild Boar (Gun)   | October 24             | October 31   | 1  |  |              |
| *Wild Boar (Archery)   | October 17             | December 31  |  |  |              |
| *Deer (Buck)   | November 23            | December 5   | See pages 12-16 and antlerless table page 19.<br><br>See pages 17, 24 and 29 for special September Archery and Muzzleloader seasons. |  |              |
| *Deer (Archery)  | September 14           | September 19   |  |  |              |
| Split Season   | October 17             | December 31  |  |  |              |
| *Deer (Antlerless)   | November 23**          | December 12  |  |  |              |
| Split Season   | December 29            | December 31  |  |  |              |
| Hampshire County   | October 30             | October 31   |  |  |              |
| *Deer (Muzzleloader)   | September 21           | September 26   |  |  |              |
| Split Season   | December 14            | December 19  |  |  |              |
| *Deer (Youth/Class Q/QQ)   | October 31             | October 31   | 1  |  |              |
| Split Season (See pages 30-31)   | December 26            | December 28  | 1  | 2  | 2            |
| *Bear (Archery)  | October 17             | November 21  | 1<br>See pages 37-38   |  |              |
| *Bear (Gun)<br>(Selected Counties - page 38)   | September 21           | September 26   |  |  |              |
|  | November 23            | December 5   |  |  |              |
|  | December 7             | December 31  |  |  |              |
| *Turkey, Fall (Selected Counties)<br>(Selected Counties - page 33)   | October 24             | November 21  | 1  |  |              |
| Preston County   | October 24             | October 31   |  |  |              |
|  | October 24             | November 7   |  |  |              |
| *Turkey (Spring 2010 - Bearded Only)   | April 26               | May 22   | 1  | 2  | 2            |
| *Turkey (2010 Youth Hunt - page 33)  | April 24               | April 24   | 1 - counts towards spring season bag limit of two  |  |              |
| Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)   | October 10             | January 31   | 6  | 24   | None         |
| Squirrel (Youth Hunt - page 31)  | October 3              | October 3  | 6  |  |              |
| Ruffed Grouse  | October 17             | February 28  | 4  | 16   | None         |
| Bobwhite Quail   | November 7             | January 2  | 3  | 9  | None         |
| Cottontail Rabbit  | November 7             | February 28  | 5  | 20   | None         |
| Snowshoe or Varying Hare   | November 7             | February 28  | 2  | 8  | None         |
| Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only)   | November 7             | January 2  | 2  | 2  | None         |
| Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)  | November 14            | December 5   | 1  | 1  | None         |
| Raccoon (Hunting)<br>The bag limit during an 11-hour period beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 5 a.m. is four raccoons for each person or groups of persons hunting as a party.   | October 17             | February 28  | 4  | See definition of possession limit on page 8.      | None         |
| Raccoon (Trapping)   | November 7             | February 28  | None   |  |              |
| Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)   | November 7             | February 28  | None   |  |              |
| *Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)   | November 7             | February 28  | 3  |  |              |
| Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)   | November 7             | February 28  | None   |  |              |
| *Fisher (Trapping)   | November 7             | January 31   | 1  |  |              |
| *Beaver (Trapping)   | November 7             | March 31   | None   |  |              |
| Crow   | October 1              | November 21  | None   |  |              |
| Split Season   | January 1              | March 6  |  |  |              |
| Nuisance Crows - crows committing depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, home gardens, livestock, or wildlife, or when concentrated so as to constitute a health hazard and or other nuisance may be killed at any time. |                        |  |  |  |              |
| Coyote (day)   | Continuous Open Season |  | None   |  |              |
| Coyote (night)***  | January 1              | July 31  |  |  |              |
| Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck, Weasel, English Sparrow, European Starling and Pigeon   | Continuous Open Season |  | None   |  |              |
| Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, and Weasel (Trapping)  | November 7             | February 28  |  |  |              |
| Mountain Lion, Elk, Otter, Song and Insectivorous Birds, Hawks, Falcons and Eagles   |                        |  | No Open Season   |  |              |
| Geese, Ducks, Mourning Doves, Gallinules, Rails, Woodcock, and Common Snipe  |                        | Harvest Information Program (HIP) card required.<br>See WVDNR Migratory Bird Hunting regulations available in September. |  |  |              |
| *Must be checked at an official game checking station  |                        | **December 6 Closed  |  | ***Can only use amber-colored or red-colored light |              |

# GENERAL REGULATIONS

## PROHIBITIONS

### It is illegal to:

- hunt in state parks (except as otherwise designated), in safety zones in state forests or wildlife management areas, and in Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.
- shoot, hunt or trap upon the fenced or posted grounds or lands of another person without having in possession written permission from the landowner.
- have a crossbow with a nocked bolt, a loaded firearm or a firearm with an attached magazine from which all shells have not been removed in or on any vehicle or conveyance (including ATVs) or its attachments. You can have a loaded clip or magazine in the vehicle as long as it is not in or attached to the firearm. Exception for concealed weapons permit holders (see page 5).
- carry an uncased or loaded firearm in the woods, except during open firearms hunting seasons. It is legal to hunt unprotected species of wild animals, wild birds and migratory game birds during the open season in fields, waters and marshes.
- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- hunt small game in counties having a bucks-only season during the first three days of this season. It is legal to hunt waterfowl during this period on lakes, rivers, and waterways during the open waterfowl season, to hunt bear in specified counties, and to hunt coyotes.
- hunt deer, bear or boar between ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise or with an electronic call.
- be afield with a gun and bow, or with a gun and any arrows, except for concealed weapons permit holders (see page 5).
- carry an uncased gun or crossbow in or on a vehicle between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. E.S.T. from October 1 – June 30; and between 8:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. E.S.T. from July 1 – September 30.
- carry an uncased or loaded gun after 5 a.m. on Sunday in counties which prohibit Sunday hunting except as provided in the trapping regulations.
- shoot a firearm within 400 feet of a school or church, or within 500 feet of a dwelling, or on or near a park or other place where persons are gathered for pleasure.
- hunt while under the influence of alcohol.
- for anyone under the age of 15 to hunt on public land or the lands of another unless accompanied by a licensed adult, at least 18 years of age, who remains near enough to render advice and assistance (see exception for youth seasons pages 30-31 and 33).
- hunt or fish with a modified bow without a special permit issued by the Director.
- get out of a motor vehicle along a public road and shoot a bow or firearm unless you are at least 25 yards from the vehicle.
- shoot at or to shoot any wild bird or animal unless it is plainly visible.
- shoot at a deer or boar while it is in water.
- hunt or conduct hunts for a fee where the hunter is not physically present in the same location as the wildlife being hunted.
- use or take advantage of artificial light in hunting, locating, attracting, or trapping wild birds or wild animals while in possession or control of a firearm, whether cased or uncased, bow, arrow, or other implement suitable for taking, killing or trapping a wild bird or animal. However, lights may be used for taking raccoon, skunk and opossum provided the lights are not attached to or used from a vehicle or other land conveyance. Coyotes may be hunted using amber or red-colored artificial light in open season (see page 6). No person shall be guilty of using an artificial light to look for, at, or attract a wild bird or animal, unless in possession of a firearm, whether cased or uncased, bow, arrow, or other implement suitable for taking, killing or trapping a wild bird or animal, or unless the artificial light (other than the headlamps of a vehicle or other land conveyance) is attached to, a part of, or used from a vehicle or other land conveyance.
- smoke wildlife from its den or place of refuge except as provided by law or regulation.
- hunt with a crossbow or have a crossbow afield except that Class Y and Class YY permit holders may hunt with a crossbow in established archery seasons.
- catch or kill, or attempt to do so by seine, net, bait, trap, deadfall, snare, or like device, any bear, game bird, protected bird or mammal, or wild boar.
- bait or feed bear.
- hunt or shoot at wild animals or birds from an airborne conveyance, from a vehicle or other land conveyance, from a motor-driven water conveyance, or from or across a public road, unless specifically authorized to do so by law or regulation. You may shoot from a motorized watercraft if the motor has been completely shut off and progress from the motor has ceased.
- use poisons, chemicals or explosives in taking any furbearing animal, game animal, game bird or protected song and insectivorous bird, provided that groundhogs may be controlled on private land by landowners, their resident children or resident parents, or a resident tenant from April 1 through September 30.
- use shot larger than No. 4 or solid ball ammunition, except for .22 caliber or smaller rimfire during the buck deer season in the four counties closed to the buck season.
- hunt between ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise with any firearm larger than .22 caliber rimfire, a shotgun using solid ball ammunition or shot shells larger than No. 4 shot.
- dispose of animal carcasses by dumping along any public road or highway.

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## TRAPPING REGULATIONS

A trap is a device used to catch and hold animals and includes box traps, killer-type traps, leghold traps and snares.

No traps shall be set before 8 a.m. on the first day of the season or either set or left set after 12 noon on the last day of the season.

All traps **MUST** be checked and tended daily.

Traps previously and legally set may be tended after 5 a.m. on Sunday, if the person so doing shall have no firearm greater than .22 caliber rimfire in possession.

Nonresidents must possess a valid Class E or XXJ license and a CS/LE stamp to trap.

Traps used for taking wildlife shall be marked with a durable plate or tag attached to the trap or trap chain bearing the owner's name and address.

A person who unintentionally traps and kills more than the season bag limit shall deliver excess animals to a conservation officer within 24 hours.

Each person killing a bobcat must attach a completed field tag to the bobcat or remain with the bobcat and have upon their person a completed field tag before moving the carcass from where it was killed. A person who does not have a field tag must make one. This tag must bear the hunter's name, address, hunting license number (if required) and the date, time and county of kill. Immediately upon arriving at a residence, camp, hunting lodge, vehicle or vessel the field tag must be attached to the bobcat and remain on the carcass until it is tagged with an official game checking tag, which must be completed within 30 days of the close of bobcat season.

Trappers shall present beaver and fisher pelts to a game checking station or DNR representative within 30 days after the close of the respective trapping season. The official game checking tag provided by the DNR shall be attached and remain attached to each beaver, bobcat and fisher pelt until it has been sold, tanned or mounted.

### Foot snares are legal when the snare loop:

1. does not exceed 6½ inches in diameter.
2. is at ground level.
3. is horizontal to ground level.

Body-gripping snares set on land must have a relaxing-type lock system with a breaking point of 350 pounds or less or a stop with a minimum loop diameter of at least 2½ inches. Set snares shall not have a loop diameter average greater than 15 inches. All terrestrial body-gripping snares must be anchored at the trap site.

A person may not ship or transport any raw furs, pelts, or skins of wild furbearers outside of the state unless such shipment has a special shipping tag visibly attached. Shipping tags must be obtained from the DNR. One part shall be attached to the outside of the package or container and the other part completed and returned to the DNR within 24 hours of shipping furs out of state.

The dealer or buyer of raw furs, pelts, or skins of furbearers in this state shall have a dealers license and shall submit to the Director a completed fur dealer transaction report as provided by the Director.

### It is illegal to:

- have in possession an untagged beaver, bobcat, or fisher pelt or parts thereof, after 30 days following the close of the respective season.
- set deadfalls for taking wildlife.
- set traps with an open jaw spread of more than 6½ inches except as underwater sets for beaver.
- set traps or trapping devices in human foot trails or livestock paths.
- set conibear or Mohawk (killer) type traps for terrestrial trapping, but they may be used in water sets.
- set spring pole snares.
- use exposed animal or bird carcasses or parts thereof to bait an animal to a trap set that is within 50 feet of the carcass. Animal or bird carcasses or parts thereof that are completely covered and concealed from sight may be used as a lure at the immediate trap site.
- trap without written permission of a landowner.
- take beaver, fisher, mink, or muskrat by any means other than by trap.
- use steel jaw traps with any teeth on or attached to them.
- set a trap, trapset or snare upon a tree, post or other natural or man-made object at any point more than three linear feet from the surface of the earth (whether such surface is water, soil or rock) measured at right angle from the surface to the trap or trapset. Traps may be set on natural earthen mounds, such as ant hills or muskrat houses, constructed without human assistance.
- set traps other than underwater killer-type traps in March.
- trap in state parks, in safety zones located in state forests and wildlife management areas, in Harpers Ferry NHP and on National Park Service land within the New River Gorge NR.
- trap on a state WMA without obtaining a permit from the District Wildlife Biologist.

# GENERAL REGULATIONS

## ARCHERY REGULATIONS

Nonresident bow hunters, except holders of Class DT licenses, must possess a Class EE license, and Class CS/LE and DS stamps to hunt bear.

For bow fishing, a resident is required to have a fishing license. A nonresident is required to have a Class E or XXJ license and a Class CS/LE stamp; or a Class DT license.

A bow, but not a crossbow, may be substituted for a firearm during any season for which firearms are legal except during muzzleloader firearms deer seasons.

A Class Y or YY permit allows a qualified, physically challenged person to hunt with a crossbow during designated archery seasons.

### It is illegal to:

- have a gun and bow afield together, except that persons who have a concealed weapon permit may carry a concealed handgun for self defense only.
- have a crossbow with a nocked bolt in or on any vehicle or conveyance or its attachments.
- carry an uncased crossbow in or on a vehicle between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. E.S.T. from October 1 – June 30; and between 8:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. E.S.T. from July 1 – September 30.
- hunt with a crossbow except for the holder of a Class Y or YY permit during designated archery seasons. A crossbow must have:
  - » a draw weight of at least 125 pounds.
  - » a working safety.
  - » bolts at least 18 inches long.
  - » broadheads with at least two edges at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch wide.
- hunt turkey, bear, deer or boar with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch in width.
- use an arrow with an explosive, drug-laced or poisoned head or shaft.
- have a bow in the woods during closed seasons on game animals and non-migratory game birds.
- use dogs while bow hunting for black bear except during the bear firearms season (this exception is only for counties where dogs are legal – see pages 37-38).
- hunt with a locking device capable of holding a bow at full draw, except with a modified bow permit issued by the Director.
- bowhunt on state parks (except as otherwise designated, see page 9) and wildlife refuges, Harpers Ferry NHP, and safety zones on state forests and wildlife management areas. All wildlife refuges are appropriately posted.

## REGULATIONS MEETING SCHEDULE

### March 15, 2010

Fairmont, Lewisburg, Martinsburg, Milton, Spencer, and Summersville

### March 16, 2010

Buckhannon, Glen Dale, Logan, Moorefield, Parkersburg, and Twin Falls Resort State Park

## TAGGING AND TRANSPORTING

Refer to deer, bear, wild turkey, boar and trapping sections for specific tagging and transporting requirements.

No persons may transport wildlife killed by another hunter, unless the wildlife or parts thereof is accompanied by a paper tag filled out legibly bearing the signature, address, date of kill, hunting license number (if required) and the official game checking tag number (if required) of the hunter who killed the wildlife. The tag shall also specify the species and quantity of wildlife.

## PISTOL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Individuals who possess a valid concealed carry permit may carry a concealed handgun while afield hunting, hiking, camping, fishing or in or on a motor vehicle for purposes of self defense only.

Only persons 21 years old or older are eligible for a Class A-1 stamp.

Only pistols having a barrel at least 4 inches in length are legal for hunting.

While hunting, the licensee shall carry the pistol outside his/her outer clothing, in an unconcealed and easily visible place.

A pistol may be used only during established hunting seasons. Only single-shot muzzleloading pistols of .38 caliber or larger are legal for hunting deer during the muzzleloader season.

It is legal to hunt groundhogs in open fields with a pistol.

### It is illegal to:

- take migratory game birds with a pistol.
- hunt between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise with a pistol larger than .22 caliber rimfire.
- hunt bear, deer, or wild boar with a pistol using a straight-walled case of less than .357 magnum cartridge or a bottle-necked case of less than .24 caliber.
- hunt bear, deer, or wild boar with a muzzleloading pistol of less than .38 caliber.



# GENERAL REGULATIONS

## WHEN LICENSES OR PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED

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1. Resident landowners or their resident children or their resident parents or resident tenants of such land, may hunt or trap on their own land without a license during open seasons (see definition of resident landowner privileges on page 8).
2. Residents honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces receiving total permanent service connected disability benefits or former prisoners of war as determined by the Veterans Administration or resident disabled veterans who qualify under West Virginia Code 17A-10-8 and are exempted from payment of a motor vehicle registration fee by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, may hunt or trap without a license during open seasons. Such individuals shall carry on their person an identification card issued by the Director. Some additional stamps may be required (see pages 9 and 41).
3. Ohio residents who carry valid Ohio hunting licenses may hunt waterfowl on the Ohio River and its embayments or tributaries to points identified by the Director or from the West Virginia banks of said river without obtaining West Virginia licenses, and West Virginia residents who carry valid West Virginia hunting licenses may hunt waterfowl on Ohio River embayments or tributaries to designated points in Ohio or from the river's banks in Ohio without obtaining Ohio licenses. Ohio hunting laws apply to residents of Ohio and West Virginia while hunting or fishing from Ohio banks or in Ohio embayment areas. West Virginia hunting laws apply to residents of Ohio and West Virginia while hunting on the Ohio River proper or from West Virginia banks and embayment areas.
4. Residents 65 years of age or older do not need a license to hunt or trap, but shall carry a WV driver's license or WV photo ID card issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles (see page 41). Residents who have not reached their 15th birthday may hunt without a license but they must be accompanied by a licensed adult at least 18 years of age (exceptions, see pages 30-31 and 33). Some additional stamps may be required (see pages 9 and 41).
5. West Virginia residents on active duty in the U.S. armed forces while on military leave, may hunt or trap in season without obtaining a license. Leave papers shall be carried while hunting or trapping. Some additional hunting stamps may be required (see pages 9 and 41).
6. Persons participating in field trials permitted by the Director shall not be required to have a hunting license.
7. Persons under 16 years of age do not need a migratory waterfowl stamp.

## DOG TRAINING

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Persons training dogs shall not have a firearm or other implement for taking wildlife in their possession during closed seasons on wild animals and birds. Persons participating in dog training must have a hunting license.

A person may not be guilty of hunting without permission just because their dog, without their direction or encouragement, travels onto another person's land where they do not have permission to hunt, providing no game is taken, livestock or domestic animals killed or damage done to that property. Dogs may not be retrieved without the landowner's permission.

No person, other than the owner of a registered dog, may remove a tag, collar or other identifying apparel, nor remove or turn off a radio transmitting collar without the permission of the owner unless it is necessary to prevent or treat an injury to the dog, or is done by a law enforcement officer for law enforcement purposes.

**Residents** may train dogs and hold field trials on wild animals and birds on public lands or on private land with the landowner's written permission at any time. Prohibitions on Sunday hunting also apply to dog training. Dogs may not be trained on deer or wild turkey.

**Nonresidents** may train dogs from October 10 through February 28, or if their state offers WV hunters reciprocal dog training privileges, they may train dogs on raccoons from August 15 through February 28. See additional information on bear dog training on page 36.

## Bird Dog Training

A permit may be obtained to train dogs on pigeons or commercially pen-raised quail on private land if training during a closed season and if birds are being killed.

## COYOTE HUNTING REGULATIONS

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During daylight hours (½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset) coyotes may be hunted year round.

Hunting coyotes at night using amber or red-colored artificial light is legal from January 1 thru July 31.

Firearms legal for night coyote hunting are shotguns with #4 or smaller shot and rimfire rifles or handguns of .22 caliber or smaller.

During closed small game season, coyotes may only be hunted in open fields.

Electronic calls are legal.

There is no daily, annual or season bag limit.



# GENERAL REGULATIONS

## MANDATORY HUNTER EDUCATION & IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

No hunting license or stamp may be issued to a person born on or after January 1, 1975, unless the person presents to the license agent: a certificate of satisfactory completion of a Hunter Education Course approved by the Hunter Education Association or the Director, or the previous years resident or nonresident WV hunting license bearing certification, or attests to certification when purchasing a license online. Persons who purchase a lifetime hunting license before their 15th birthday must complete a certified hunter education course before using the license. Upon satisfactory completion of a certified hunters education course, hunters age 8 and 9, will receive a temporary certification which expires at age 10. They must retake and successfully complete a hunter education course at age 10 to receive permanent certification.

A person may not legally hunt unless he/she has on his/her person: a) the proper licenses, stamps or permits, b) a photo ID, and c) proof of hunter safety certification (if required).

Hunters who have lost their hunter education card may obtain a duplicate from their local district law enforcement office. Applications for duplicate cards are available at license agents or [www.wvhuntered.com](http://www.wvhuntered.com) and the fee is \$10.

### Hunter Education Classes Information:

Contact the WVDNR District Office closest to you or visit [www.wvhuntered.com](http://www.wvhuntered.com) or [www.wvdnr.gov](http://www.wvdnr.gov) and follow the Hunter Education prompts.

## POINT SYSTEM FOR HUNTING VIOLATIONS

Persons found guilty of negligent shooting of humans or livestock will have their hunting licenses revoked for five years.

For bear hunting violation penalties see page 35.

Persons making false application for a license will have their license privileges suspended for one year.

### Points are assigned for other hunting violations:

- 10 points** use of spotlight with firearms or other implement.
- 6 points** illegal possession or sale of wildlife or illegally killing deer, boar, or turkey.
- 6 points** hunting from a motor vehicle.
- 4 points** all other hunting violations.

When a person accumulates 10 or more hunting and/or fishing violation points combined, his/her licenses will be revoked for a period of two years.

Points will be removed on the second anniversary or upon restoration of the license.

## REPORTING HUNTING LAW VIOLATIONS

**In progress** – dial 911

**Not in progress** – call District Law Enforcement Office during normal operating hours.

1. Observe and write down all of the information concerning the violation.
2. Don't confront the violator.
3. Contact a local conservation officer or county communication center as soon as possible.
4. Become involved in protecting your sport, be willing to testify in court.

## SUNDAY HUNTING

In any county where Sunday hunting has not been prohibited by local election, Sunday hunting is legal on private land only with written permission of the landowner. Hunting is prohibited on any Sunday preceding the Monday opening of a big game season (deer, turkey, boar or bear).

For a current list of counties open to Sunday hunting, visit [www.wvdnr.gov/Hunting/SundayHunt.shtm](http://www.wvdnr.gov/Hunting/SundayHunt.shtm) or check with your county DNR officer or county clerk.

## NATIONAL FORESTS

National Forests are managed under cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service.

1. Each wildlife management area on the national forests contains interspersed private land within its boundaries. Permission is required on all private land before hunting, fishing or trapping.
2. Contact each National Forest for current rules and regulations applicable to the WMA areas.

### George Washington and Jefferson national forests

5162 Valleypointe Parkway • Roanoke, VA 24019-3050  
(540) 265-5100 • Toll Free: 1-888-265-0019  
[www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj/)

### Monongahela National Forest

200 Sycamore Street • Elkins, WV 26241  
Voice and TDD: (304) 636-1800  
[www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/)

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## NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

Rules and regulations governing hunting and fishing can be obtained from:

### Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge

3982 Waverly Road • Williamstown, WV 26187  
(304) 375-2923 • [www.fws.gov/northeast/ohioriverislands/](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/ohioriverislands/)

### Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge

HC 70, Box 200 • Davis, WV 26260  
(304) 866-3858 • [www.fws.gov/canaanvalley/](http://www.fws.gov/canaanvalley/)

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND STATE FORESTS

Rules and regulations governing hunting and trapping on state owned and leased lands are the same as on adjacent private lands except as follows:

1. Trapping permit, available from District Wildlife Biologist, required on all areas.
2. Beech Fork Lake, Bluestone Lake, Burnsville Lake, Green Bottom, Hillcrest and McClintic WMAs and Calvin Price and Coopers Rock State Forests — Hunting only in accordance with special rules established for the area (see pages 10-11, 15-16, 23, 26, and 28-29).
3. WMAs and state forests with camping areas require a permit and fee (see regulations posted at each area).
4. Camping is lawful ONLY in designated areas.
5. Use of ATVs and snowmobiles is prohibited. All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) means any motor vehicle designed for off-road use not subject to the vehicle registration requirements of Chapter 17A of the West Virginia Code.
6. Driving a vehicle, ATV, or snowmobile so as to harass or chase wildlife is prohibited.
7. Maximum speed limit for vehicles on WMAs and state forests is 30 miles per hour, unless otherwise posted. All traffic signs and directions must be observed.
8. Driving a vehicle in a manner which creates a nuisance to other persons by repetitive or continuous cruising is prohibited.
9. Class Q and Class QQ hunting access is available on some WMAs. Contact the District Wildlife Biologist for more information.
10. Only portable tree stands may be used on public lands.

## DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED

**Bait:** any feed or edible enticement.

**Baiting:** the direct or indirect placing or exposing of bait so as to attract or entice wildlife to an area where hunters are attempting to take them. An area is considered to be baited for 10 days after bait is removed.

**Big Game:** black bear, deer, wild turkey and boar.

**Bow:** a longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow that is hand-drawn, hand-held and held at full draw without the aid of any mechanical device. Triggering devices or release aids are legal.

**Concurrent hunting:** hunting of the same and/or other species during a legally prescribed season.

**Hunt:** to chase, catch or take wild birds or animals.

**Life-threatening condition:** a terminal condition or illness that according to current diagnosis has a high probability of death within two years even with treatment with an existing generally accepted protocol.

**Modified bow:** a longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow that has been modified to hold the bow at full draw to accommodate a physical impairment of the user.

**Nonresident:** person who does not meet the requirements of a resident.

**Permanently disabled in the lower extremities:** an individual who is permanently and totally disabled due to paralysis or disease in the lower half of the body, which makes it impossible to ambulate successfully more than two hundred feet without assistance.

**Possession limit:** game taken in WV which is in any way under the hunter's control. Example; the total of all game in a car, truck, home freezer, commercial food locker, or any other storage place.

**Private lands:** lands owned by an individual(s), partnership, heirship, club, organization or company and/or not qualifying as public land.

**Protected:** no open season. Hunting at any time shall be illegal for protected wildlife.

**Public lands:** State or Federal lands owned, leased, licensed to or under the control of West Virginia DNR for wildlife management purposes.

**Resident:** a person who has been a domiciled resident continuously in West Virginia for 30 consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of application for a license or permit. This includes members of the U.S. armed forces stationed outside the state who were West Virginia residents at the time of entry into the service and full-time students of a college or university of this state. Nonresident students of West Virginia colleges are not eligible to apply for lifetime licenses. Absentee ownership of land in West Virginia does not constitute legal residence.

**Resident landowner privileges:** apply to West Virginia residents who own land in West Virginia, their resident children and parents, or resident tenants when hunting or trapping on their own land. Resident tenants must permanently live on the land.

**Small Game:** all game and furbearing animals, and game birds except big game. Does not include coyotes.

# General Regulations – DEER

## RESIDENT DEER HUNTING LICENSE PRIVILEGES WITH

### **Annual Classes X and XJ, Lifetime Classes A-L and AB-L, Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW, Senior Citizen and Underage:**

entitles a hunter to take one deer during the archery season, one antlered deer during the buck season and one deer during the muzzleloader season (see pages 24 and 29 for special archery and muzzleloader seasons).

#### **Additional stamps must be purchased:**

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in buck season: Class RG
- to archery hunt an additional deer: Class RB
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class N
- to hunt with a handgun: Class A-1
- to hunt an additional deer with a muzzleloader in muzzleloader season: Class RM

### **Annual Class A (must also have a Class CS):**

entitles the hunter to hunt one antlered deer during the buck season.

#### **Additional stamps must be purchased:**

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in buck season: Class RG
- to archery hunt deer: Class BG
- to archery hunt an additional deer: Class RB
- to muzzleloader hunt deer in muzzleloader season: Class BG
- to hunt an additional deer with a muzzleloader in muzzleloader season: Class RM
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class N
- to hunt with a handgun: Class A-1

## RESIDENT LANDOWNER PRIVILEGES

West Virginia resident landowners may hunt on their own land without obtaining a license. See definition of resident landowner privileges on page 8.

A resident landowner hunting on his/her own land without a license can take the same number of deer as a licensed hunter. A hunter (licensee or landowner) cannot take more than the number of deer allowed in the respective seasons.

After killing a deer as a landowner, a person cannot take another deer by use of a license for which the privilege has already been used. Example - if a landowner has a Class X or A license and kills an antlered deer on his own land during buck season, the landowner cannot use the Class X or A license to kill another buck during the buck season. He/she can check the deer in as a landowner kill or on the Class X or A license. Either way, the Class X or A privilege to kill an antlered deer during the buck season has been used.

## RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT LICENSE PRIVILEGES WITH A CLASS DT SPECIAL HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FOR PERSONS WITH A LIFE-THREATENING CONDITION

A resident or nonresident under age 21, who qualifies for and obtains a Class DT license, may hunt for and take the legal number of deer allowed in each season in compliance with county and statewide regulations without purchasing or otherwise obtaining any additional licenses or stamps, providing the Class DT license holder and assistant must abide by all other pertinent laws and regulations. Class DT license holders must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age or older.

## STONEWALL RESORT STATE PARK DEER SEASON

**November 16-19**

Applications and information available July 1 at [www.wvdnr.gov](http://www.wvdnr.gov), district DNR offices and State Parks

# DEER – General Regulations

## NONRESIDENT LICENSE PRIVILEGES

**Nonresidents ages 8 thru 17 who have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course may purchase a Class XXJ license and a Class CS/LE stamp:**

entitles the holder to take one deer during the archery season, one antlered deer during the buck season, and one deer during the muzzleloader season.

**Additional stamps must be purchased:**

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in buck season: Class RRG
- to archery hunt an additional deer: Class RRB
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class NN
- to hunt an additional deer with a muzzleloader in muzzleloader season: Class RRM

**All other nonresidents, except those who hold License Classes XXJ or DT, regardless of landowner status, must purchase an annual Class E license and a Class CS/LE stamp:**

entitles the holder to hunt one antlered deer during the buck season.

**Additional stamps must be purchased:**

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in buck season: Class RRG
- to archery hunt deer: Class UU
- to archery hunt an additional deer: Class RRB
- to muzzleloader hunt deer in muzzleloader season: Class VV
- to hunt an additional deer with a muzzleloader in muzzleloader season: Class RRM
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class NN
- to hunt on national forest lands: Class I
- to hunt with a handgun: Class A-1

## HUNTING HOURS AND RESTRICTIONS

After a person has killed his/her legal daily limit of deer, they may not participate further in hunting deer with either a bow or firearm the remainder of the day.

After killing the legal limit of deer, a hunter shall not be afield with any firearm with solid ball ammunition, unless legally hunting bear, or shot shells containing larger than No. 4 shot unless legally hunting waterfowl using nontoxic shot.

It is legal to hunt small game during the muzzleloader season with a .22 caliber rimfire.

**A hunter may take no more than three antlered deer per calendar year in all archery and firearms seasons combined.**

## FIREARMS/BOWS AND EQUIPMENT

**It is illegal to hunt deer with:**

- a shotgun using ammunition loaded with more than one solid ball, or a rifle using rimfire ammunition of less than .25 caliber.
- a fully automatic rifle, shotgun or handgun.
- a handgun using a straight-walled case of less than .357 magnum cartridge or a bottle-necked case of less than .24 caliber.
- a muzzleloader of less than .38 caliber during the muzzleloader deer season.
- both a gun and a bow, or with a gun and any arrows, except that persons having a concealed weapons permit may carry a concealed handgun for self-defense only.
- a crossbow, except for the holder of a Class Y or Class YY permit during designated archery seasons. Crossbows must have:
  - » a draw weight of at least 125 pounds.
  - » a working safety.
  - » bolts at least 18 inches long.
  - » broadheads with at least two edges at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in width.
- a bow with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in width.
- a bow locking device, except with a modified bow permit issued by the Director.
- an arrow with an explosive, drug-laced or poisoned head or shaft.
- anything other than a bow or single-shot muzzleloader on Green Bottom WMA, except that the holder of Class Y or YY permit may hunt with a crossbow during designated archery seasons.
- an electronic call.



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## BLAZE ORANGE REQUIREMENT

Persons hunting in counties or portions thereof where a deer firearms season is presently open shall wear a blaze orange outer garment of at least 400 square inches. This applies to counties or parts thereof with a special youth/Class Q or QQ deer season. This does not apply to waterfowl hunters and persons engaged in farming activities on their own land.

## FIELD TAGGING, CHECKING AND TRANSPORTING

Each person killing a deer must attach a completed field tag to the deer or remain with the deer and have upon their person a completed field tag before moving the carcass from where it was killed. A person who does not have a field tag must make one. This tag must bear the hunter's name, address, hunting license number (if required) and the date, time and county of kill. Immediately upon arriving at a residence, camp, hunting lodge, vehicle or vessel the field tag shall be attached to the deer and must remain on the carcass until it is tagged with an official game checking tag.

The unskinned carcass or the fresh skin and head of each deer, shall be delivered to a conservation officer or an official checking station for checking and retagging:

1. before it is transported beyond the county adjacent to the county of kill,
2. within 72 hours from when it was killed or 24 hours from the close of the respective season, whichever comes first.

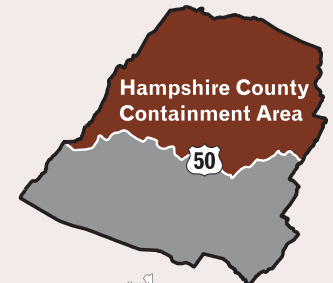
All deer killed in Logan, McDowell, Mingo or Wyoming counties shall be checked and retagged at an official game checking station in the four-county area within 24 hours of the time of kill. Deer killed outside these four counties may not be checked within the four-county area.

A hunter may not hunt an additional deer until the day after legally taking a previous deer providing previously killed deer has been checked, except for that portion of the antlerless deer season during which two deer may be taken on the same day on private land provided the first deer has been legally checked.

No person may transport wildlife killed by another hunter, unless the wildlife or parts thereof is accompanied by a paper tag filled out legibly bearing the signature, address, date of kill, hunting license number (if required) and the official game checking tag number (if required) of the hunter who killed the wildlife. The tag shall also specify the species and quantity of wildlife.

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) CONTAINMENT AREA

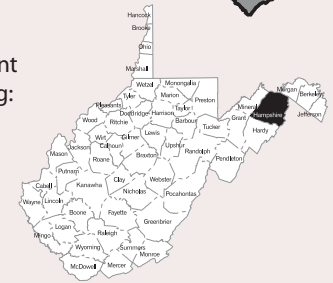
Includes all portions of Hampshire County north of US Route 50.



### Carcass Transport Regulations

Hunters are prohibited from transporting dead cervids (deer, elk, etc.) or their parts beyond the boundary of the containment area except for the following:

1. meat that has been boned out,
2. quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached,
3. cleaned hide with no head attached,
4. clean skull plate (no meat or tissue attached) with antlers attached,
5. antlers with no meat or tissue attached, and
6. finished taxidermy mounts.



Hunters may transport cervid carcasses that were not killed inside the containment area through the containment area.

**Baiting and Feeding – see regulations listed below.**

## BAITING AND FEEDING REGULATIONS

It is illegal to bait or feed cervids or other wildlife in a "Containment Area" as determined by the Director and established for the management, control or eradication of chronic wasting disease or other wildlife diseases. Song and insectivorous birds may be fed, provided that such feeding shall not cause, or be done in a manner that would be reasonably anticipated to cause, a congregation of cervids or other wildlife. Provided further, that captive cervids may be fed inside cervid facilities permitted by the Division of Natural Resources.

It is also illegal to bait or feed wildlife on Beech Fork Lake, Bluestone Lake, Burnsville Lake and McClintic WMAs and on Coopers Rock and Calvin Price State Forests (see pages 23, 26, 28).

# DEER – 2009 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons

The maximum annual bag limit (excluding special urban archery hunts) may include no more than 3 antlered bucks.

| County   | Archery<br>October 17 – December 31   | Buck Firearms<br>November 23 – December 5   | Antlerless<br>November 23-24 Private Land Only<br>November 25 – December 12 and<br>December 29-31 Public and Private Land   | Muzzleloader<br>December 14-19  |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Berkeley<br>See Pages 15-16 for<br>Public Land Regulations |   |   |   |   |
| Marshall   | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 3</b>  | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b>  | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 4</b>  | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b>  |
| Mason  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A first either sex deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first antlered deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to four antlerless deer may be taken on Class N or NN stamps or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land in each county or combination of counties not to exceed an annual statewide total of 4 Class N or NN deer.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A first either sex deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> </ul> |
| Mineral  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two additional deer (one must be antlerless) may be taken on Class RB or RRB stamps (one deer per stamp) or by a resident landowner using those privileges.</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RG or RRG stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires a valid base license or license combination, or free license plus a Class N or NN stamp for each deer, except for resident landowners hunting on their own land.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One additional either sex deer may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.</li> </ul>   |
| Monongalia   |   |   |   |   |
| Monroe   |   |   |   |   |
| Morgan   |   |   |   |   |
| Ohio   |   |   |   |   |
| Pleasants  |   |   |   |   |
| Putnam   |   |   |   |   |
| Ritchie  |   |   |   |   |
| Taylor   |   |   |   |   |
| Tyler  |   |   |   |   |
| Wetzel   |   |   |   |   |
| Wood   |   |   |   |   |
| Barbour  | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 3</b>  | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b>  | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b>  | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b>  |
| Calhoun  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A first either sex deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first antlered deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to two antlerless deer may be taken on Class N or NN stamps or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land in each county or combination of counties not to exceed an annual statewide total of 4 Class N or NN deer.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One either sex deer may be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> </ul>      |
| Gilmer   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two additional deer (one must be antlerless) may be taken on Class RB or RRB stamps (one deer per stamp) or by a resident landowner using those privileges.</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RG or RRG stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires a valid base license or license combination, or free license and a Class N or NN stamp for each deer, except for resident landowners hunting on their own land.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One additional either sex deer may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.</li> </ul>   |
| Grant  |   |   |   |   |
| Greenbrier<br>(Southern Portion see pages 19 and 21)       |   |   |   |   |
| Mercer<br>(East of I-77)                                   |   |   |   |   |
| Pendleton  |   |   |   |   |
| Preston  |   |   |   |   |
| Wirt   |   |   |   |   |

\*Hampshire County will have a special resident and nonresident Class N or NN antlerless deer season October 30-31. See page 21.

# 2009 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons – DEER

The maximum annual bag limit (excluding special urban archery hunts) may include no more than 3 antlered bucks.

| County  | Archery   | Buck Firearms   | Antlerless  | Muzzleloader   |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| See Pages 15-16 for Public Land Regulations                     | October 17 – December 31  | November 23 – December 5  | November 23-24 Private Land Only<br>November 25 – December 12 and<br>December 29-31 Public and Private Land   | December 14-19   |
| Braxton   | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A first either sex deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> <li>Two additional deer (one must be antlerless) may be taken on Class RB or RRB stamps (one deer per stamp) or by a resident landowner using those privileges.</li> </ul> | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first antlered deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> <li>One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RG or RRG stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.</li> <li>Note concurrent Antlerless Season.</li> </ul> | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One antlerless deer may be taken on a Class N or NN stamp or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own annual statewide total of 4 Class N or NN deer.</li> <li>Requires a valid base license or license combination, or free license and a Class N or NN stamp, except for resident landowners hunting on their own land. Prior application for permit not required.</li> </ul> | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One either sex deer may be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> <li>One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.</li> </ul> |
| Wayne<br>(North of Route 37)                                    |   |   |   |  |
| Clay<br>(private land only-North of Elk River)                  | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A first either sex deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> <li>Two additional deer (one must be antlerless) may be taken on Class RB or RRB stamps (one deer per stamp) or by a resident landowner using those privileges.</li> </ul> | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first antlered deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> <li>One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RG or RRG stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.</li> <li>Note concurrent Antlerless Season.</li> </ul> | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited to West Virginia Residents only and prior application is required.</li> <li>One antlerless deer may be taken on a Class N or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> <li>Requires a valid base license or license combination, or free license and a Class N stamp, except for resident landowners hunting on their own land.</li> </ul>                    | <b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One either sex deer may be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</li> <li>One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.</li> </ul> |
| Fayette<br>(North & East of New River and East of Gauley River) |   |   |   |  |
| Randolph<br>(private land only)                                 |   |   |   |  |

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| County   | Archery  | Buck Firearms  | Antlerless                  | Muzzleloader  |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------|---|
| See Pages 15-16 for Public Land Regulations  | October 17 – December 31   | November 23 – December 5   | Season Closed               | December 14-19  |
| <p><b>Boone</b> Lincoln</p> <p><b>Clay</b> (South of Elk River and public land North of Elk River)</p> <p><b>Fayette</b> (South and West of New River and West of Gauley River)</p> <p><b>Greenbrier</b> (Northern portion, see pages 19 and 21)</p> <p><b>Kanawha</b> (South of Elk River and East of Corridor G)</p> | <p><b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b></p> <p>A first either sex deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage, or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</p> <p>One additional either sex deer may be taken on a Class RB or RRB stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.</p>   | <p><b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b></p> <p>The first antlered deer must be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage, or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</p> <p>One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RG or RRG stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.</p> | <p><b>Season Closed</b></p> | <p><b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b></p> <p>One antlered deer may be taken on a valid base license or license combination, free license, resident underage, or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land.</p> <p>One additional antlered deer may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege.</p> |
| <p>Logan</p> <p>McDowell</p> <p>Mingo</p> <p>Wyoming</p>   | <p><b>Maximum season bag limit: 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only one antlered deer may be taken per year.</li> <li>One deer may be taken on a valid base license, free license, resident underage, or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land and one deer may be taken on a class RB or RRB stamp or by a resident landowner using that privilege;</li> <li>OR, if the hunter's first archery deer was taken in a county open to firearms deer hunting, two deer (one must be antlerless) may be taken on Class RB or RRB stamps or by a resident landowner using those privileges.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Season Closed</b></p>  | <p><b>Season Closed</b></p> | <p><b>Season Closed</b></p>   |



# 2009 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons – DEER

| The maximum annual bag limit (excluding special urban archery hunts) may include no more than 3 antlered bucks.   |   |   |
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| Wildlife Management Areas and other Public Lands  | Special Regulations   |   |
| Amherst/Plymouth WMA<br>Bear Rocks WMA<br>Cecil H. Underwood WMA<br>Chief Cornstalk WMA<br>Conaway Run WMA<br>Frozen Camp WMA<br>Hughes River WMA<br>Lewis Wetzel WMA<br>Mill Creek WMA | Moncove Lake WMA<br>Pedlar WMA<br>Pruntytown State Farm WMA<br>Ritchie Mines WMA<br>Sand Hill WMA<br>Snake Hill WMA<br>Stumptown WMA<br>The Jug WMA<br>Woodrum Lake WMA | All regulations are the same as private land in the respective counties where the WMAs are located except: the Antlerless Season is November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31 and the season bag limit is one deer. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.   |
| Briery Mountain WMA<br>Burches Run WMA<br>Castlemons Run WMA<br>Center Branch WMA<br>Dunkard Fork WMA   | Lantz Farm and Nature Preserve<br>Little Indian Creek WMA<br>Pleasants Creek WMA<br>Teter Creek WMA<br>Upper Deckers Creek WMA  | All regulations are the same as private land in the respective counties where the WMAs are located except: the Antlerless Season is November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31 and the season bag limit is one deer. The Special Split Youth/Class Q/QQ deer season is not open. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.   |
| McClintic WMA<br>Beech Fork Lake WMA  |   | All regulations are the same as private land north of State Rt. 37 in Wayne County (Beech Fork Lake) and Mason County (McClintic) where the WMAs are located except: all antlered deer taken must have a minimum 14" outside antler spread. The annual bag limit for antlered deer in Buck Gun, Archery and Muzzleloader Seasons combined is one deer. The Antlerless Season is November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31 and the season bag limit is one deer. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer. |
| Beury Mountain WMA<br>Meadow River WMA<br>Tate Lohr WMA   |   | All regulations are the same as private land in that portion of the respective counties open to antlerless season where the WMAs are located except: the Antlerless Season is November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31, and the season bag limit is one deer. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.  |
| Burnsville Lake WMA   |   | All regulations are the same as private land in Braxton County except: all antlered deer taken must have a minimum 14" outside antler spread. The annual bag limit for antlered deer in Buck Gun, Archery and Muzzleloader Seasons combined is one deer. The Antlerless Season is limited to West Virginia residents and is open November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31. Prior application is required and the season bag limit is one deer.  |
| Randolph County Public Lands  |   | All regulations are the same as private land except: the Archery Season bag limit is two deer. The Antlerless season is closed. The Muzzleloader season is restricted to antlered deer only. Class RM/RRM stamps are valid only for antlered deer. The Special Split Youth/Class Q/QQ season is open only on Becky Creek and Huttonsville WMAs.   |

# DEER – 2009 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons

The maximum annual bag limit (excluding special urban archery hunts) may include no more than 3 antlered bucks.

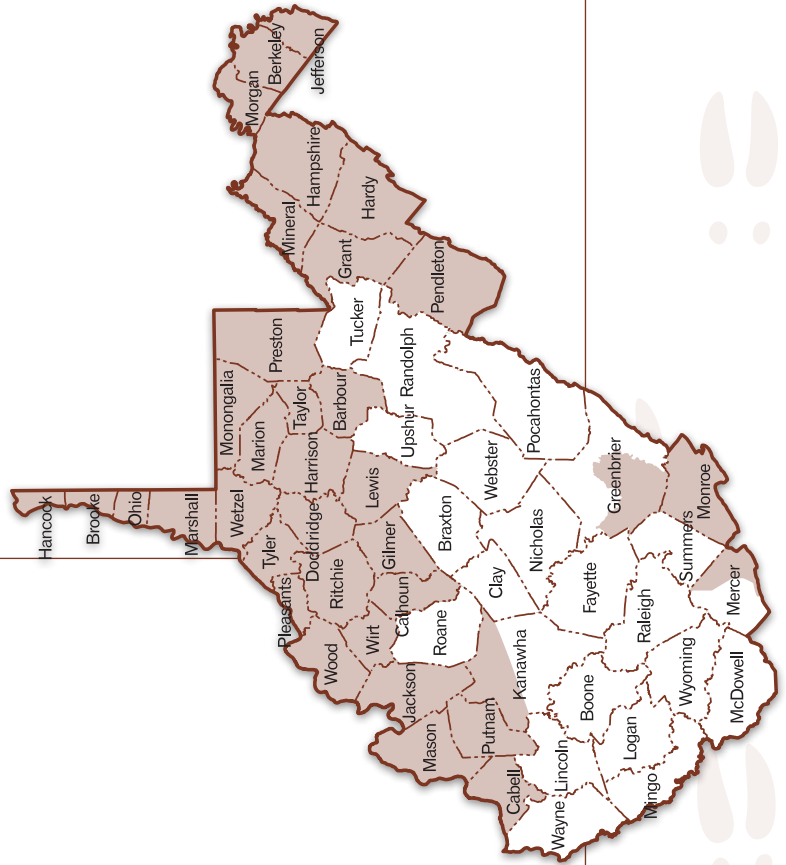
## Wildlife Management Areas and other Public Lands

### Special Regulations

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| <p>Cross Creek WMA<br/>Elk River WMA<br/>Stonewall Jackson Lake WMA</p> | <p>All regulations are the same as private land in the counties where the WMAs are located except: the Antlerless Season is limited to West Virginia residents and is open November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31. Prior application is required and the season bag limit is one deer. The Special Split Youth/Class Q/QQ deer season is only open on Stonewall Jackson Lake WMA. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.</p>  |
| <p>Bluestone Lake WMA<br/>Coopers Rock State Forest</p>                 | <p>All regulations are the same as private land in the counties where the public lands are located except: all antlered deer taken must have a minimum 14" outside antler spread. The annual bag limit for antlered deer in Buck Gun, Archery and Muzzleloader Seasons combined is one deer. The Special Split Youth/Class Q/QQ deer season is only open on Bluestone Lake WMA. The Antlerless Season is November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31, and the season bag limit is two deer.</p>  |
| <p>Hillcrest WMA</p>  | <p>All regulations are the same as private land in Hancock County except: Buck Gun Season is closed. This area has a Special Muzzleloader Deer Season from November 23 – December 5 and during this period only muzzleloaders may be used for hunting deer on the area. All Muzzleloader Season stamp requirements apply. The annual antlered deer bag limit for Archery and Muzzleloader seasons combined is one deer. The Antlerless Season is limited to West Virginia residents and is open November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31. Prior application is required and the Antlerless Season bag limit is one deer. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.</p> |
| <p>Wilson Cove Deer Study Area</p>                                      | <p>All regulations are the same as private land in Hardy County except: Buck Gun Season is closed. This area has a Special Muzzleloader Deer Season from November 23 – December 5 and during this period only muzzleloaders may be used for hunting deer on the area. All Muzzleloader Season stamp requirements apply. The annual antlered deer bag limit for Archery and Muzzleloader Seasons combined is one deer. The Antlerless Season is November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31.</p>  |
| <p>Potts Creek WMA<br/>(Jefferson National Forest)<br/>Wallback WMA</p> | <p>All regulations are the same as private land in the respective counties where the WMAs are located except: the Archery Season bag limit is two deer. The Antlerless Season and the Special Split Youth/Class Q/QQ deer seasons are not open. Muzzleloader hunting is restricted to antlered deer only. Class RM and RRM muzzleloader stamps are only valid for antlered deer.</p>  |
| <p>Green Bottom WMA</p>   | <p>All regulations are the same as private land in Cabell County except: Deer may only be hunted with bows or muzzleloaders and the Antlerless Season is November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31.</p>  |
| <p>Edwards Run WMA<br/>Fort Mill Ridge WMA</p>                          | <p>All regulations are the same as private land in Hampshire County except: the Antlerless Season is open October 30-31, November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31. The bag limit is four antlerless deer, only one of which may be taken in the October 30-31 portion of the season.</p>  |
| <p>Calvin Price State Forest</p>  | <p>All regulations are the same as private land in Pocahontas County except: all antlered deer taken must have a minimum 14-inch outside antler spread. The annual bag limit for antlered deer in the Buck gun, Archery and Muzzleloader seasons combined is one deer.</p>  |
| <p>All other WMAs and other Public Lands</p>                            | <p>All regulations are the same as private land in the respective counties where the WMAs or other public lands are located except: in counties having an Antlerless Season, the Antlerless Season on WMAs and other public lands is November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31. The Special Split Youth/Class Q/QQ deer season is only open on those areas specified on page 31.</p>   |

# 2009 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons – DEER

| Special September 2009 Seasons   |  |   |
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| County   | Archery – Special Antlerless<br>September 14-19  | Muzzleloader – Special Antlerless<br>September 21-26  |
| <p>See pages 24 and 29 for regulations.<br/>(Private land only)</p> <p>Barbour<br/>Berkeley<br/>Brooke<br/>Cabell<br/>Calhoun<br/>Doddridge<br/>Gilmer<br/>Grant<br/>Greenbrier<br/>(South of Route 60, South and East of Route 9, East of Route 219 at Renick, South of Route 11, West of Greenbrier River, South of I-64 and West of Route 60/14 see map on page 21)</p> <p>Hampshire<br/>Hancock<br/>Hardy<br/>Harrison<br/>Jackson<br/>Jefferson<br/>Kanawha<br/>(North of Elk River &amp; West of Corridor G)</p> <p>Lewis<br/>Marion</p> | <p>Maximum season bag limit: 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One antlerless deer on private land only may be taken on a Class RB or RRB stamp.</li> </ul> | <p>Maximum season bag limits: 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One antlerless deer on private land only may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp.</li> </ul> |



# DEER – 2008 Harvest by Season

| County                | Antlerless    | Archery       | Buck          | Muzzleloader | Total          |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Barbour               | 1,733         | 678           | 1,413         | 256          | 4,080          |
| Brooke                | 560           | 299           | 427           | 63           | 1,349          |
| Hancock               | 444           | 402           | 357           | 100          | 1,303          |
| Harrison              | 1,919         | 563           | 1,680         | 241          | 4,403          |
| Marion                | 1,538         | 670           | 1,489         | 179          | 3,876          |
| Marshall              | 1,208         | 449           | 1,339         | 208          | 3,204          |
| Monongalia            | 1,712         | 870           | 1,927         | 195          | 4,704          |
| Ohio                  | 443           | 222           | 485           | 66           | 1,216          |
| Preston               | 2,832         | 1,473         | 2,618         | 323          | 7,246          |
| Taylor                | 889           | 375           | 808           | 105          | 2,177          |
| Tucker                | 702           | 597           | 951           | 159          | 2,409          |
| Wetzel                | 1,872         | 525           | 2,210         | 246          | 4,853          |
| District I Subtotal   | 15,852        | 7,123         | 15,704        | 2,141        | 40,820         |
| Berkeley              | 775           | 465           | 855           | 91           | 2,186          |
| Grant                 | 1,116         | 535           | 1,531         | 231          | 3,413          |
| Hampshire             | 1,850         | 400           | 2,153         | 216          | 4,619          |
| Hardy                 | 1,694         | 479           | 2,046         | 196          | 4,415          |
| Jefferson             | 565           | 385           | 605           | 78           | 1,633          |
| Mineral               | 1,171         | 378           | 1,383         | 149          | 3,081          |
| Morgan                | 793           | 264           | 806           | 111          | 1,974          |
| Pendleton             | 979           | 413           | 1,416         | 164          | 2,972          |
| District II Subtotal  | 8,943         | 3,319         | 10,795        | 1,236        | 24,293         |
| Braxton               | 1,556         | 736           | 1,731         | 541          | 4,564          |
| Clay                  | 44            | 329           | 540           | 7            | 920            |
| Lewis                 | 2,132         | 588           | 2,027         | 399          | 5,146          |
| Nicholas              | 179           | 864           | 1,082         | 33           | 2,158          |
| Pocahontas            | 81            | 396           | 1,223         | 19           | 1,719          |
| Randolph              | 292           | 1,286         | 2,126         | 36           | 3,740          |
| Upshur                | 1,485         | 710           | 1,536         | 233          | 3,964          |
| Webster               | 134           | 650           | 887           | 9            | 1,680          |
| District III Subtotal | 5,903         | 5,559         | 11,152        | 1,277        | 23,891         |
| Fayette               | 856           | 723           | 905           | 181          | 2,665          |
| Greenbrier            | 1,273         | 777           | 1,925         | 216          | 4,191          |
| McDowell              | 0             | 739           | 0             | 0            | 739            |
| Mercer                | 441           | 575           | 537           | 78           | 1,631          |
| Monroe                | 1,487         | 641           | 1,431         | 189          | 3,748          |
| Raleigh               | 296           | 664           | 577           | 91           | 1,628          |
| Summers               | 1,039         | 620           | 932           | 167          | 2,758          |
| Wyoming               | 0             | 747           | 0             | 0            | 747            |
| District IV Subtotal  | 5,392         | 5,486         | 6,307         | 922          | 18,107         |
| Boone                 | 25            | 381           | 577           | 21           | 1,004          |
| Cabell                | 627           | 444           | 787           | 93           | 1,951          |
| Kanawha               | 718           | 919           | 1,259         | 119          | 3,015          |
| Lincoln               | 60            | 428           | 983           | 38           | 1,509          |
| Logan                 | 0             | 714           | 0             | 0            | 714            |
| Mason                 | 2,390         | 861           | 1,892         | 321          | 5,464          |
| Mingo                 | 0             | 343           | 0             | 0            | 343            |
| Putnam                | 1,382         | 611           | 1,311         | 160          | 3,464          |
| Wayne                 | 313           | 366           | 768           | 73           | 1,520          |
| District V Subtotal   | 5,515         | 5,067         | 7,577         | 825          | 18,984         |
| Calhoun               | 918           | 384           | 1,252         | 165          | 2,719          |
| Doddridge             | 1,113         | 278           | 1,605         | 180          | 3,176          |
| Gilmer                | 1,447         | 420           | 1,585         | 271          | 3,723          |
| Jackson               | 2,104         | 751           | 1,948         | 285          | 5,088          |
| Pleasants             | 461           | 139           | 630           | 54           | 1,284          |
| Ritchie               | 2,087         | 601           | 2,369         | 301          | 5,358          |
| Roane                 | 1,587         | 661           | 2,010         | 277          | 4,535          |
| Tyler                 | 1,566         | 421           | 1,590         | 202          | 3,779          |
| Wirt                  | 1,225         | 433           | 1,186         | 210          | 3,054          |
| Wood                  | 2,108         | 766           | 1,655         | 263          | 4,792          |
| District VI Subtotal  | 14,616        | 4,854         | 15,830        | 2,208        | 37,508         |
| <b>State Total</b>    | <b>56,221</b> | <b>31,408</b> | <b>67,365</b> | <b>8,609</b> | <b>163,603</b> |



# Antlerless Season – DEER

**An antlerless deer is any deer having no antlers or having no antler greater than three inches long above the hairline. The maximum annual bag limit in a county or any legal combination of counties is four Class N or NN antlerless deer.**

| Counties or parts thereof open to Unlimited Resident Class N, Nonresident Class NN and Three Additional Class N or NN<br><b>Season Bag Limit: 4</b><br><br>November 23-24 (Private Land Only)<br>November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31 (Private and Public Land**) | Counties or parts thereof open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN and One Additional Class N or NN<br><b>Season Bag Limit: 2</b><br><br><b>Two Class N or NN deer may be taken in each county, not to exceed an annual total bag limit of 4 Class N or NN deer.</b><br>November 23-24 – (Private Land Only)<br>November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31 (Private and Public Land*) | Counties or parts thereof open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN<br><b>Season Bag Limit: 1</b><br><br><b>One Class N or NN deer may be taken in each county, not to exceed an annual total bag limit of 4 Class N or NN deer.</b><br>November 23-24 (Private Land Only)<br>November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31 (Private and Public Land*) | Counties or parts thereof and Wildlife Management Areas open to Limited Class N for Resident Only (Must Apply)<br><b>Season Bag Limit: 1</b><br><br><b>Only one Class N antlerless deer may be taken in this group of counties and WMAs.</b><br>November 23 – 24 (Private Land Only)<br>November 25 – December 12 and December 29-31 (Private and Public Land*)   |
|---|--|---|---|
| Berkeley<br>Brooke<br>Cabell<br>Doddridge<br>Hampshire**<br>Hancock<br>Hardy<br>Harrison<br>Jackson<br>Jefferson<br>Kanawha<br><i>(North of Elk River and West of Corridor G)</i><br>Lewis<br>Marion<br>Marshall<br>Mason<br>Mineral<br>Monongalia<br>Monroe<br>Morgan    | Barbour<br>Calhoun<br>Gilmer<br>Grant<br>Greenbrier<br><i>(South of Route 60, South and East of Route 9, East of Route 219 at Renick, South of Route 11, West of Greenbrier River, South of I-64 and West of Route 60/14 see map on page 21)</i><br>Mercer<br><i>(East of I-77)</i><br>Pendleton<br>Preston<br>Wirt  | Braxton<br>Roane<br>Summers<br>Tucker<br>Upshur<br>Wayne<br><i>(North of Route 37)</i>  | <b>Counties</b><br>Clay<br><i>(Private land only – North of Elk River)</i><br>Fayette<br><i>(North and East of New River and East of Gauley River)</i><br>Randolph<br><i>(Private land only)</i><br><b>Wildlife Management Areas</b><br>Burnsville Lake<br><i>Braxton County</i><br>Cross Creek<br><i>Brooke County</i><br>Elk River<br><i>Braxton/Webster counties</i><br>Hillcrest<br><i>Hancock County</i><br>Stonecoal<br><i>Lewis/Upshur counties</i><br>Stonewall Jackson Lake<br><i>Lewis County</i> |

Counties not listed in the table are closed to firearms antlerless hunting. December 6, 2009, closed to antlerless hunting.

\*See pages 15-16 for exceptions and special regulations regarding antlerless season on WMAs and other public lands.

\*\*Hampshire County will also have a special resident and nonresident Class N or NN antlerless season on private and public land October 30-31, 2009, with a bag limit of one antlerless deer (see page 21).

A maximum of four antlerless deer may be taken on Class N or NN stamps (one per day, except that two may be taken on the same day, December 7-12, 2009 on private land only, provided the first deer is legally checked prior to hunting a second deer).

# DEER – Antlerless Season

All antlerless deer taken during the antlerless deer season or the portion of the antlerless deer season concurrent with buck season must be taken on a Class N or NN stamp, Class DT license or as a landowner. See exception for concurrent archery hunting on page 21.

**All West Virginia residents must purchase a Class N stamp to hunt during the antlerless season with the following exceptions:**

- Resident landowners (see page 9) may hunt antlerless deer on their land without a license provided the land is in a county or part thereof open to antlerless deer hunting.
- Resident landowners, their resident children or resident parents do not have to live on the property. However, a resident tenant must permanently live on the land.
- Resident stockholders of resident corporations formed for the primary purpose of hunting or fishing who own in fee no less than 1,000 acres may hunt antlerless deer on their own land, provided the land is in a county or part thereof open to antlerless deer hunting.
- Residents or nonresidents who hold Class DT licenses are not required to purchase Class N or NN stamps but must abide by all other antlerless regulations.

All nonresidents, military personnel, senior citizens, Class Q and QQ, disabled veterans, former POWs and underage hunters not exempted must purchase a Class N or NN stamp to hunt antlerless deer during the antlerless season.

Class N or NN stamps may be purchased at any license agent, county clerk's office, the DNR offices in Charleston and Elkins, or on the DNR Web site (see page 41).

Class N or NN stamps are nontransferable. Class N or NN stamps are not county specific, but in limited resident counties or WMAs, the Class N stamp must be accompanied by a valid eligibility card.

During the antlerless season a Class N or NN stamp holder may substitute a bow for a firearm to take antlerless deer.

Only one antlerless deer may be taken on each Class N or NN stamp.

Only one antlerless deer may be taken per day, except that two antlerless deer may be taken on the same day during December 7-12, 2009, on private land only, provided the first deer is legally checked prior to hunting a second deer.

No person may actively participate (driving) in any manner in hunting antlerless deer without a valid Class N or NN stamp or otherwise being exempt from having a Class N or NN stamp.

## LIMITED RESIDENT N AND UNLIMITED RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT CLASS N OR NN WITH A BAG LIMIT OF ONE

### Counties with limited resident hunting for Class N deer in antlerless season

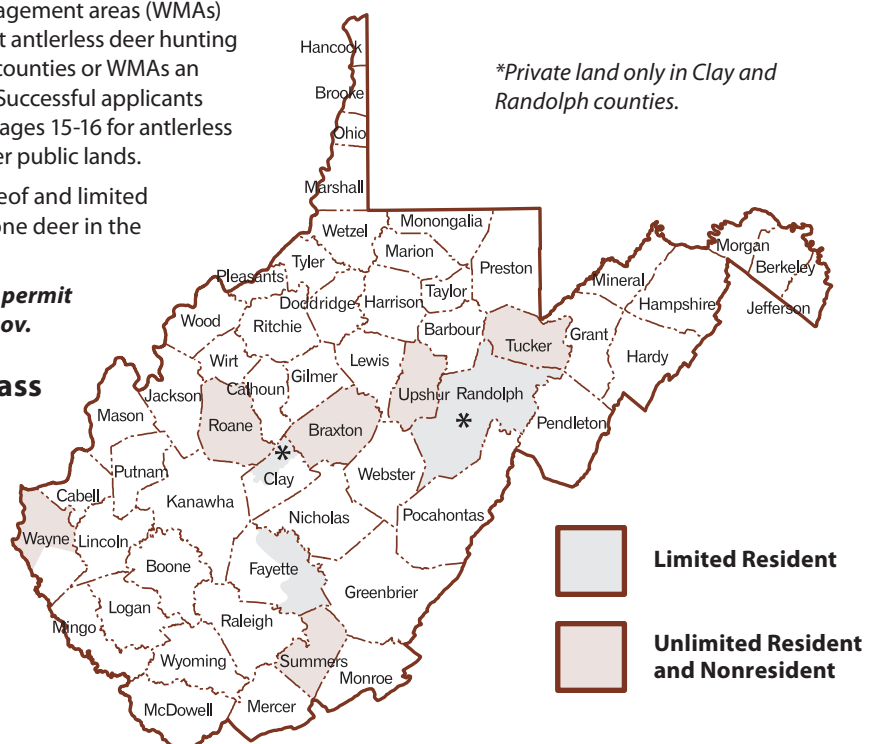
Three counties or parts thereof and six wildlife management areas (WMAs) have a limited number of Class N stamps for resident antlerless deer hunting (see page 19). To be eligible to hunt in one of these counties or WMAs an application must be submitted by August 21, 2009. Successful applicants will receive notification from the DNR by mail. See pages 15-16 for antlerless regulations on Wildlife Management Areas and other public lands.

In limited resident antlerless counties or parts thereof and limited resident antlerless WMAs, a hunter may take only one deer in the antlerless season.

**To apply, ask your license agent for an antlerless permit application or download one from [www.wvdnr.gov](http://www.wvdnr.gov).**

### Counties with a bag limit of one Class N or NN deer in antlerless season

Six counties or parts thereof have an unlimited number of Class N or NN stamps for resident and nonresident antlerless deer hunting (see pages 13 and 19). No application is necessary for these counties. Hunters may take one antlerless (Class N or NN) deer in each county or part thereof in this group of counties, not to exceed the maximum statewide bag limit of 4 antlerless (Class N or NN) deer. See pages 15-16 for antlerless regulations on WMAs and other public lands.





# DEER – Archery Season

**Daily Bag Limit: 1**

**Opening Date: October 17**

**Closing Date: December 31**

Three deer may be taken with a bow during this archery season. One deer must be taken on one of the following valid base licenses or license combinations: resident (Class X, Class XJ, Class AB-L, Class A-L, Classes A+CS+BG); or a free license: Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW, Senior Citizen or Class DT; or nonresident (Classes XXJ+CS/LE, Classes E+CS/LE+UU or Class DT). Underage residents and resident landowners hunting on their own land (see page 9) may take an archery deer without a license. Up to two additional deer may be taken with Class RB or Class RRB stamps (one per stamp) or on a Class DT license or by resident landowners hunting on their own property. If two deer are taken on Class RB or RRB stamps, or on a Class DT license or by a resident landowner using those privileges one of the two must be an antlerless deer taken in a county open to Class N antlerless hunting. Class DT license holders must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age or older.

**A hunter may take no more than three antlered deer per calendar year in all archery and firearms seasons combined.**

**Deer of either sex may be hunted statewide with a bow during this archery season. A bow, but not a crossbow, may be substituted for a firearm during any deer firearms season except muzzleloader season.**

## It is illegal to:

- be afield with both gun and bow, or with a gun and any arrows, except that persons who have a concealed weapon permit may carry a concealed handgun for self-defense only.
- hunt with a crossbow and/or have a crossbow afield except for the holders of Class Y or YY permits during designated archery seasons. Crossbows must have:
  - » a draw weight of at least 125 pounds.
  - » a working safety.
  - » bolts at least 18 inches long.
  - » broadheads with at least two cutting edges at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in width.
- hunt deer with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in width.
- use a bow-locking device, except with a modified bow permit issued by the Director.
- use an arrow with an explosive, drug-laced or poisoned head or shaft.
- use an electronic call to hunt deer.

## ADDITIONAL DEER ARCHERY STAMPS

### Class RB and Class RRB

A resident may purchase only two Class RB stamps and a nonresident may purchase only two Class RRB stamps for this archery season. The Class RB or Class RRB archery stamps must be purchased before October 17, 2009, prior to the opening of this archery season.

Only one deer may be taken with each Class RB or RRB stamp.

Deer taken on a base license or license stamp combination or Class RB or RRB stamps may be checked in any order. A hunter may not hunt an additional deer until all previously taken deer have been checked.

Class RB or RRB stamps cannot be used for taking deer with a firearm.

Two additional deer may be taken with Class RB or Class RRB stamps, by holders of Class DT licenses or by a resident landowner hunting on their own land during this archery season. If two deer are taken on Class RB or Class RRB stamps, or on a Class DT license, or by a landowner using Class RB stamp privileges, one of the two must be an antlerless deer taken in a county open to Class N antlerless hunting.

The annual limit for the four-county area of Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties is two archery deer, one of which must be antlerless. One Class RB or RRB stamp is valid in these counties, except if the first archery deer was taken in a county open to firearms deer hunting, then two deer (one must be antlerless) may be taken on Class RB or RRB stamps or a Class DT license in these counties. The taking of archery antlerless deer during the buck season is legal in these counties.

To take additional archery deer, all residents except holders of Class DT licenses and resident landowners (see page 9) hunting on their own land are required to purchase Class RB stamps. All nonresidents except holders of Class DT licenses are required to purchase Class RRB archery stamps to take additional archery deer (see license requirements on page 10).



# Archery Season – DEER

November 1, 2009



## Share Your Harvest Sunday

Designated annually by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section, in conjunction with the West Virginia Council of Churches, Share Your Harvest Sunday helps support and keep the Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) program alive and growing.

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## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CWD CONTAINMENT AREA

See page 11 for special regulations regarding deer carcass transport and baiting and feeding of wildlife within this designated portion of Hampshire County.

## CONCURRENT HUNTING DURING DEER ARCHERY SEASON

A bow hunter may take small game at any time the small game season is open, except the first three days of buck season in counties having a buck season.

Archery hunting for antlered and antlerless deer is legal during muzzleloader deer season subject to all archery deer hunting regulations. Additionally, archery hunters must wear a blaze orange outer garment of at least 400 square inches during any deer firearms seasons.

## SPECIAL SEASONS AND RESTRICTIONS

### Urban Deer Archery Season

A special archery deer hunting season is available between October 3 – December 31, 2009 to incorporated cities, towns, villages and incorporated homeowner associations (see exception below for the City of Charleston). To implement the hunt, homeowner associations must submit a written request to the Director by March 1 of the hunt year. During this special season two deer may be taken which shall not apply to the hunters regular archery season bag limit. For information regarding this special archery deer hunt contact your local municipal government, homeowner association or the appropriate DNR office. The City of Charleston will have a special archery deer season September 19 – December 31, 2009 with a season bag limit of seven deer; provided the first deer taken must be antlerless and no more than two antlered deer may be taken. The daily bag limit is two deer.

### Older-aged Deer Management Areas

All antlered deer taken during archery season on Beech Fork Lake, Bluestone Lake, Burnsville Lake, and McClintic WMAs and Coopers Rock and Calvin Price State Forests must have a minimum outside antler spread of 14 inches (ear tip to ear tip). The annual bag limit for antlered deer on these areas is one for all seasons combined. It is illegal to bait or feed wildlife on these areas.



# DEER – Special Antlerless Archery Season

**Season Limit: 1**

**Opening Date: September 14**

**Closing Date: September 19**

One antlerless deer may be taken with a bow on private land only in designated counties (see page 17) during this Special Antlerless Deer Archery Season on one of the following valid licenses or license/stamp combinations: resident (Class X+RB, Class XJ+RB, Class AB-L+RB, Class A-L+RB, Classes A+CS+BG+RB); or a free license (Military+RB, Disabled Veteran+RB, former POW+RB, Senior Citizen+RB, or Class DT); or nonresident (Classes XXJ+CS/LE+RRB, Classes E+CS/LE+UU+RRB or Class DT). Underage residents must possess an RB stamp. Resident landowners hunting on their own land (see page 9) may take an archery deer without a license or RB stamp. Class DT license holders must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age or older.

All deer taken in this season must be checked on Class RB or RRB stamps or a Class DT license or by a resident landowner hunting on their own land.

During a calendar year a resident may purchase only three Class RB stamps and a nonresident may purchase three Class RRB stamps. Only one RB or RRB stamp may be used in the Special Antlerless Deer Archery Season. Only two RB or RRB stamps may be used in the traditional archery season October 17 - December 31, 2009.

The Class RB or Class RRB archery stamps may be purchased at any time prior to the October 17, 2009 opening of traditional archery season.

Only one deer may be taken with each Class RB or RRB stamp.

To take a deer in this Special Antlerless Deer Archery Season, all residents except holders of Class DT licenses and resident landowners (see page 9) hunting on their own land are required to purchase Class RB stamps. All nonresidents except holders of Class DT licenses are required to purchase Class RRB archery stamps (see license requirements on page 10).

## CONCURRENT HUNTING DURING THIS SPECIAL ANTLERLESS DEER ARCHERY SEASON

Concurrent migratory bird hunting is legal (see separate Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations).

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CWD CONTAINMENT AREA

See page 11 for special regulations regarding deer carcass transport and baiting and feeding of wildlife within this designated portion of Hampshire County.

## SPECIAL SEASONS AND RESTRICTIONS

### It is illegal to:

- be afield with both gun and bow, or with a gun and any arrows, except that persons who have a concealed weapon permit may carry a concealed handgun for self-defense only.
- hunt with a crossbow and/or have a crossbow afield except for the holders of Class Y or YY permits during designated archery seasons. Crossbows must have:
  - » a draw weight of at least 125 pounds.
  - » a working safety.
  - » bolts at least 18 inches long.
  - » broadheads with at least two cutting edges at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in width.
- hunt deer with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in width.
- use a bow-locking device, except with a modified bow permit issued by the Director.
- use an arrow with an explosive, drug-laced or poisoned head or shaft.
- to use an electronic call to hunt deer.

### Urban Deer Archery Season

The City of Charleston will have a special archery deer season September 19 – December 31, 2009 with a season bag limit of seven deer; provided the first deer taken must be antlerless and no more than two antlered deer may be taken. The daily bag limit is two deer. Deer taken during this special urban archery season shall not apply to the hunters regular archery season bag limit.

# Buck Season – DEER

**Daily Bag Limit: 1**

**Opening Date: November 23**

**Closing Date: December 5**

Only deer having one or both antlers more than 3 inches in length above the hairline are legal during the buck season (see concurrent hunting for antlerless deer during buck season on page 26).

Two deer may be taken with a gun or bow during the buck season. One must be taken on one of the following valid base licenses or license combinations: resident (Class X, Class XJ, Class AB-L, Class A-L, or Classes A+CS); or free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW, Class DT or Senior Citizen); or nonresident (Classes XXJ+CS/LE, Classes E+CS/LE or Class DT). Underage residents and resident landowners hunting on their own land (see page 9) may take an antlered deer without a license. An additional deer may only be taken with a Class RG stamp, Class RRG stamp, Class DT license or by resident landowners hunting on their own property. Class DT license holders must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age or older.

**A hunter may take no more than three antlered deer per calendar year in all archery and firearms seasons combined.**

## Legal firearms for hunting deer during the buck season shall include:

- a rifle using centerfire ammunition.
- a rifle using .25 caliber or larger rimfire ammunition.
- a muzzleloading rifle, with or without scope, and muzzleloading pistol of .38 caliber or larger.
- a handgun using a straight-walled case of .357 magnum cartridge or larger or a bottle-necked case of .24 caliber or larger (see page 5). A Class A-1 handgun stamp is required.
- a shotgun loaded with solid ball ammunition.

## BUCK COUNTIES

All counties except Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming are open.



**Open:** Buck Firearms Season  
November 23 – December 5, 2009  
(See pages 15-16 for special public land regulations)



**Closed:** to all firearms deer hunting



## ADDITIONAL BUCK SEASON GUN STAMPS

### Class RG and Class RRG

During a calendar year a resident may purchase only one Class RG stamp and a nonresident may purchase only one Class RRG stamp.

Only one deer may be taken with a Class RG or Class RRG stamp. The Class RG and Class RRG stamps must be purchased before November 23, 2009, prior to the opening of buck season. The Class RG and Class RRG stamps are valid for buck hunting in all counties open to buck season.

To take an additional deer, all residents, except resident landowners (see page 9) hunting on their own land or holders of a Class DT license, are required to purchase a Class RG gun stamp. All nonresidents are required to purchase a Class RRG gun stamp or possess a Class DT license if they choose to take an additional deer (see license requirements on page 10).

Deer taken on a base license or license stamp combination or Class RG or RRG stamps may be checked in any order. A hunter may not hunt an additional deer until all previously taken deer have been checked.

Only one deer may be taken per day.

# DEER – Buck Season

## CONCURRENT HUNTING DURING BUCK DEER SEASON

Antlerless deer hunting is legal on private land in 45 counties or portions thereof November 23-24, 2009. These same 45 counties or portions thereof and all public lands having an antlerless season are open for concurrent antlerless hunting November 25 – December 5, 2009. To hunt antlerless deer during the buck season, a valid Class N or NN stamp or Class DT license is required for all hunters except for resident landowners (see page 20) hunting on their own land. Hunters may take only one deer per day; therefore, a buck and an antlerless deer may not be taken on the same day.

Small game hunting is prohibited during the first three days of buck season in all counties having a buck season; provided, waterfowl hunting is legal on lakes, rivers and waterways during the open waterfowl season, bear hunting is legal in specified counties, and coyote hunting is legal. Small game hunting is legal during open small game seasons beginning November 26, 2009. While hunting small game during the buck season, No. 4 shot or smaller and slugs may be carried with a shotgun only if the hunter is legally hunting deer or bear.

A combination rifle-shotgun (over-under, etc.) is legal for deer hunting and concurrent small game hunting.

After killing the legal limit of deer, a hunter shall not be afield with any firearm with solid ball ammunition (unless legally hunting bear) or shot shells containing larger than No. 4 shot. Waterfowl hunters may use nontoxic shot larger than No. 4.

It is illegal to hunt small game during the buck season with any centerfire, with any rimfire larger than .22 caliber, or with a shotgun using solid ball ammunition or shot larger than No. 4 in a county that is not open to buck season.

Archery hunting for antlered and antlerless deer is legal during buck season subject to all archery deer hunting regulations. A bow may be substituted for a firearm to take antlered deer, or if hunting on a Class N or NN stamp or Class DT license, antlerless deer may be taken during the buck season on private land in specified counties and on specified public lands (see pages 15-16 and 19).

All persons hunting during a deer firearms season, except those engaged in farming activities on their own land and waterfowl hunters, must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange as an outer garment.

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CWD CONTAINMENT AREA

See page 11 for special regulations regarding deer carcass transport and baiting and feeding of wildlife within this designated portion of Hampshire County.

## SPECIAL SEASONS AND RESTRICTIONS

### Wilson Cove Deer Study Area and Hillcrest Wildlife Management Area

Wilson Cove Deer Study Area located in Hardy County on the George Washington National Forest and Hillcrest WMA, located in Hancock County will have a deer muzzleloader season November 23 - December 5, 2009. During this period, only single shot muzzleloaders, including "in-lines" of .38 caliber or larger, are legal for deer hunting on these areas. These two areas will not be open to the traditional buck firearms season. All muzzleloader license requirements apply (see pages 9-10, 16 and 27). The annual antlered deer bag limit is one deer for archery and muzzleloader seasons combined.

### Older-aged Deer Wildlife Management Areas

All antlered deer taken on Beech Fork Lake, Bluestone Lake, Burnsville Lake and McClintic WMAs, and Coopers Rock and Calvin Price State Forests must have a minimum outside antler spread of 14 inches (ear tip to ear tip). The annual antlered deer bag limit is one deer for all archery and firearms seasons combined. It is illegal to bait or feed wildlife on these areas.

# Muzzleloader Season – DEER

**Daily Bag Limit: 1**

**Opening Date: December 14**

**Closing Date: December 19**

Two deer may be taken with a muzzleloader during this muzzleloader season. One must be taken on one of the following valid base licenses or license combinations: resident (Class X, XJ, AB-L, A-L, Classes A+CS+BG); or a free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW, Class DT or Senior Citizen); or nonresident (Classes E+CS/LE+VV, Classes XXJ+CS/LE or Class DT license). Underage residents and resident landowners hunting on their own land (see page 9) may take a muzzleloader deer without a license. An additional muzzleloader deer may only be taken with a Class RM or RRM stamp, a Class DT license or by a resident landowner hunting on his/her own land. Class DT license holders must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age or older.

Muzzleloader hunting for antlered deer is legal in all counties open to buck season. A deer of either sex may be taken with muzzleloaders in all counties or parts thereof open to the Class N season. One additional deer may be taken on a Class RM or RRM stamp or a Class DT license in all counties having this muzzleloader season (see pages 12-16 and 28).

In the muzzleloader season, only single shot muzzleloaders, including "in-lines" of .38 caliber or larger are legal. Telescopic sights are legal. A firearm that has been converted into a muzzleloader by use of a plug, or a double-barreled or swivel-barreled muzzleloader is illegal for deer hunting during the muzzleloader season.

When being transported in or on a vehicle, muzzleloaders will be considered unloaded: when uncapped; when the priming charge is removed from the pan; or if they have an electronic ignition, the battery must be removed.

Only one deer may be taken per day.

**A hunter may take no more than three antlered deer per calendar year in all archery and firearms seasons combined.**

## USE OF CLASS RM AND CLASS RRM STAMPS AND CLASS DT LICENSES IN THIS MUZZLELOADER SEASON

Only one Class RM or RRM stamp may be used in this muzzleloader season.

Only one deer may be taken with a Class RM or RRM stamp. The Class RM and RRM stamps must be purchased before December 14, 2009, prior to the opening of this muzzleloader season.

To take an additional muzzleloader deer, all residents, except resident landowners (see page 9) hunting on their own land and hunters who possess a Class DT license are required to purchase a Class RM stamp. All nonresidents, except holders of a Class DT license, are required to purchase a Class RRM stamp if they choose to take an additional muzzleloader deer.

Class RM and Class RRM stamps or a Class DT license may be used to take one additional deer in this muzzleloader season in all counties having this muzzleloader season (see page 28). See pages 15-16 for muzzleloader regulations on Wildlife Management Areas and other public lands.

Deer taken on a base license or license stamp combination or Class RM or RRM stamps may be checked in any order. A hunter may not hunt an additional deer until all previously taken deer have been checked.

Class RM, RRM stamps or Class DT licenses may be used to take one antlered deer in all counties having this muzzleloader season OR;

Class RM, RRM stamps or Class DT licenses may be used to take one either-sex deer in the 36 counties or parts thereof having a Class N or NN antlerless season bag limit of two or more antlerless (Class N) deer (see muzzleloader map page 28). See pages 15-16 for muzzleloader regulations on WMAs and other public lands.

Concurrent waterfowl hunting is legal (see separate Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations publication).

# DEER – Muzzleloader Season

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CWD CONTAINMENT AREA

See page 11 for special regulations regarding deer carcass transport and baiting and feeding of wildlife within this designated portion of Hampshire County.

## CONCURRENT HUNTING DURING MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASON

A bow or crossbow cannot be substituted for a muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season. Concurrent archery hunting for antlered and antlerless deer is legal during this muzzleloader season subject to all archery deer hunting regulations, except archery hunters must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange as an outer garment.

Concurrent hunting is permitted during this muzzleloader season. It is illegal to be afield with solid ball ammunition or shot larger than No. 4 during the muzzleloader season, except for those persons legally hunting bear, and for waterfowl hunters using nontoxic shot.

It is legal to hunt small game with .22 caliber or smaller rimfire during this muzzleloader season.

## SPECIAL SEASONS AND RESTRICTIONS

### Wilson Cove Deer Study Area and Hillcrest Wildlife Management Area





Wilson Cove Deer Study Area located in Hardy County on the George Washington National Forest and Hillcrest WMA, located in Hancock County will have muzzleloader only deer season November 23 – December 5, 2009. During this period only single shot muzzleloaders, including “in-lines” of .38 caliber or larger are legal for hunting deer on these areas (see page 10). These two areas will not be open to the traditional buck firearms season. All muzzleloader license requirements apply (see page 27). The annual antlered deer bag limit is one for archery and muzzleloader seasons combined (see page 16).

### Older-aged Deer Management Areas

All antlered deer taken on Beech Fork Lake, Bluestone Lake, Burnsville Lake and McClintic WMAs and Coopers Rock and Calvin Price State Forests must have a minimum outside antler spread of 14 inches (ear tip to ear tip). The annual antlered deer bag limit is one for archery and firearms seasons combined. It is illegal to bait or feed wildlife on these areas (see page 11).

## MUZZLELOADER COUNTIES

Logan, McDowell, Mingo, and Wyoming counties are closed to all firearms deer hunting.

-  **Open:** to antlered only muzzleloader hunting on base license and Class RM, RRM stamps or Class DT licenses\* (on public land only in Randolph County)
-  **Open:** to either sex muzzleloader hunting on base license, and antlered deer only on Class RM, RRM stamps or Class DT licenses\* (on private land only in Randolph County)
-  **Open:** to either sex muzzleloader hunting on base license and Class RM, RRM stamps and Class DT licenses\*
-  **Closed:** to all firearms deer hunting



See page 19 and 21 for more detailed description and map of Greenbrier County.

\*See pages 15-16 for muzzleloader regulations on public lands in these counties.



# Special Antlerless Muzzleloader Season – DEER

**Season Limit: 1**

**Opening Date: September 21**

**Closing Date: September 26**

One antlerless deer may be taken with a muzzleloader on private land only in designated counties (see page 17) during this Special Antlerless Deer Muzzleloader season on one of the following valid base licenses or license/stamp combinations: resident (Class X+RM, XJ+RM, AB-L+RM, A-L+RM, Classes A+CS+BG+RM); or a free license (Military+RM, Disabled Veteran+RM, former POW+RM, Class DT or Senior Citizen+RM); or nonresident (Classes E+CS/LE+VV+RRM, Classes XXJ+CS/LE+RRM or Class DT license). Underage residents must possess an RM stamp. Resident landowners hunting on their own land (see page 9) may take a muzzleloader deer without a license or RM stamp. Class DT license holders are not required to have an RM or RRM stamp but must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age or older.

All deer taken in this season must be checked in on Class RM or Class RRM stamps or a Class DT license or by a resident landowner hunting on their own land.

Only single shot muzzleloaders, including "in-lines" of .38 caliber or larger are legal. Telescopic sights are legal. A firearm that has been converted into a muzzleloader by use of a plug, or a double-barreled or swivel-barreled muzzleloader is illegal for deer hunting during the muzzleloader season.

When being transported in or on a vehicle, muzzleloaders will be considered unloaded: when uncapped; when the priming charge is removed from the pan; or if they have an electronic ignition, the battery must be removed.

During a calendar year a resident may purchase two Class RM stamps and a nonresident may purchase two Class RRM stamps. Only one RM or RRM stamp may be used in this Special Antlerless Deer Muzzleloader Season. Only one RM or RRM stamp may be used in the early muzzleloader season on Wilson Cove Study Area and Hillcrest WMA (November 23 – December 5, 2009) or the late Muzzleloader Season (December 14-19, 2009).

Only one muzzleloader season deer may be taken with each Class RM or RRM stamp. The Class RM and RRM stamps must be purchased before December 14, 2009.

Class RM, RRM stamps or Class DT licenses may be used to take one antlerless deer on private land only in specified counties or portions thereof having this Special Antlerless Deer Muzzleloader Season (see page 17).

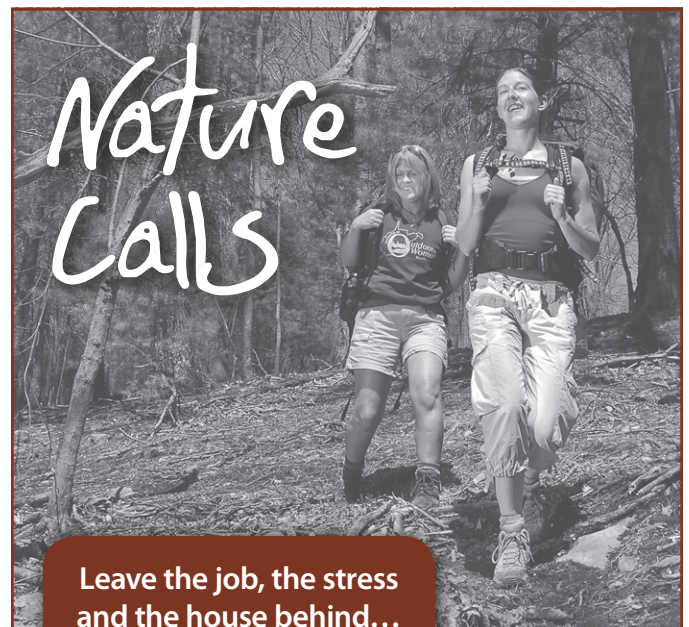
All participants in this Special Antlerless Deer Muzzleloader Season must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange as an outer garment.

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CWD CONTAINMENT AREA

See page 11 for special regulations regarding deer carcass transport and baiting and feeding of wildlife within this designated portion of Hampshire County.

## CONCURRENT HUNTING DURING THIS SPECIAL ANTLERLESS DEER MUZZLELOADER SEASON


Concurrent migratory bird hunting is legal. (See separate Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations publication.)



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# DEER – Special Split Youth and Class Q/QQ Season

October 31 and December 26 & 28, 2009: Antlerless Deer Only

Only one antlerless deer may be taken per day.

**See page 11 for special regulations for Hampshire County Containment Area carcass transport and baiting, and for baiting and feeding wildlife on Older-aged Deer Management Areas.**

The special split deer season for youth and Class Q/QQ hunters will be held on private land in all counties having a firearms deer hunting season and on the 47 specified Wildlife Management Areas and three State Forests listed on page 31.

The bag limit of one antlerless deer per day will not count towards the hunter's annual deer season bag limit. A Class N or NN stamp is not required. Each deer taken must be field tagged (see page 11) and checked at an official game checking station within 24 hours of the close of each portion of this special split season and before hunting an additional deer.

Youth and Class Q/QQ hunt participants and all other hunters hunting on private land or on any of the specified WMAs or state forests during the special youth and Class Q/QQ deer season, with the exception of waterfowl hunters and persons engaged in farming activities on their own land, must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange as an outer garment.

## Youth hunters must:

- be at least 8 and no more than 14 years old,
- be accompanied by a licensed adult, at least 21 years of age, who must also wear 400 square inches of blaze orange, cannot carry a gun or a bow and must remain near enough to the youth to render advice and assistance. **All accompanying adult nonresidents must possess a Class E license + CS/LE stamp.**

**and, if a nonresident youth,**

- possess Class XXJ license + CS/LE stamp or Class DT license.

## Class Q or QQ hunters must possess:

**if a resident,**

- Class Q permit plus one of the following:
  - » Class A license + CS stamp or
  - » Class X, XJ, A-L or AB-L license or
  - » Free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW or Senior Citizen, Class DT) or
  - » Be underage (must be accompanied by a licensed adult)

**if a nonresident,**

- Class QQ permit + Class E license + CS/LE stamp or
- Class QQ permit + Class XXJ + CS/LE stamp or
- Class QQ permit + Class DT



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# Special Split Youth and Class Q/QQ Season – DEER

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND STATE FORESTS OPEN FOR SPECIAL SPLIT YOUTH AND CLASS Q/QQ DEER SEASON

### District 1

1. Bear Rocks – *Ohio County*
5. Cecil H. Underwood – *Marshall and Wetzel counties*
9. Hillcrest – *Hancock County*
11. Lewis Wetzel – *Doddridge, Tyler and Wetzel counties*
13. Pedlar – *Monongalia County*
15. Pruntytown State Farm – *Taylor County*
16. Snake Hill – *Monongalia and Preston counties*

### District 2

19. Allegheny – *Mineral County*
20. Edwards Run – *Hampshire County*
21. Fort Mill Ridge – *Hampshire County*
22. Nathaniel Mountain – *Hampshire County*
23. Shannondale – *Jefferson County*
24. Short Mountain – *Hampshire County*
25. Sleepy Creek – *Berkeley and Morgan counties*
26. South Branch – *Hampshire and Hardy counties*
27. Thorn Creek – *Pendleton County*
29. Widmeyer – *Morgan County*

### District 3

30. Becky Creek – *Randolph County*
32. Burnsville Lake – *Braxton County*
35. Huttonsville – *Randolph County*
39. Stonewall Jackson Lake – *Lewis County*
- B. Calvin Price State Forest – *Pocahontas County*

### District 4

45. Beury Mountain – *Fayette County*
46. Bluestone – *Mercer, Monroe and Summers counties*
48. Meadow River – *Greenbrier County*
49. Moncove Lake – *Monroe County*
50. Plum Orchard – *Fayette County*
52. Tate Lohr – *Mercer County*
- C. Camp Creek State Forest – *Mercer County*
- E. Greenbrier State Forest – *Greenbrier County*

### District 5

54. Amherst/Plymouth – *Putnam County*
55. Beech Fork – *Cabell and Wayne counties*
56. Big Ugly – *Lincoln County*
57. Chief Cornstalk – *Mason County*
58. East Lynn Lake – *Wayne County*
60. Green Bottom\* – *Cabell and Mason counties*  
\*Limited to muzzleloaders and bows
61. Hilbert – *Lincoln County*
63. McClintic – *Mason County*
64. Mill Creek – *Cabell County*
65. Morris Creek – *Kanawha County*
66. Upper Mud River – *Lincoln County*

### District 6

67. Buffalo Run – *Pleasants and Tyler counties*
68. Conaway Run – *Tyler County*
69. Frozen Camp – *Jackson County*
70. Hughes River – *Ritchie and Wirt counties*
72. Ritchie Mines – *Ritchie County*
74. Sand Hill – *Ritchie and Wood counties*
75. Stumptown – *Gilmer County*
76. The Jug – *Tyler County*
78. Woodrum Lake – *Jackson County*

## YOUTH SQUIRREL SEASON

**October 3, 2009**

Youth hunters must be no more than 14 years of age and must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age or older. The accompanying adult cannot carry a gun or a bow and must remain near enough to the youth to render advice and assistance.





# TURKEY – General Regulations

## RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT TURKEY HUNTING LICENSE PRIVILEGES

Three wild turkey may be taken by hunters who possess one of the following valid base licenses or license combinations: resident (Class X, XJ, AB-L, A-L, Classes A+CS+BG); or a free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW, Class DT or Senior Citizen); or nonresident (Classes E+CS/LE+WW, Classes XXJ+CS/LE or Class DT). Class DT license holders must be accompanied by a properly licensed parent, guardian or other designated competent adult 21 years of age or older. Underage residents and resident landowners hunting on their own land (see page 9) may take three turkeys without a license. Two bearded turkeys may be taken in the spring and one either sex turkey in the fall. However, no more than one turkey may be taken in the fall. No more than one turkey may be taken per day.



## FIELD TAGGING, CHECKING AND TRANSPORTING

Each person killing a turkey must either attach a completed field tag to the turkey or remain with the turkey and have upon their person a completed field tag before removing the carcass from where it was killed. A person who does not possess a field tag must make one. This tag must bear the hunter's name, address, hunting license number (if required) and the date, time and county of kill. Immediately upon arriving at a residence, camp, hunting lodge, vehicle or vessel the field tag shall be attached to the turkey and must remain on the carcass until it is tagged with an official game checking tag.

The carcass of each turkey shall be delivered to an official game checking station or a conservation officer for checking and retagging before it is either skinned or transported beyond the boundaries of the county adjacent to that in which the kill was made and within 72 hours from when it was killed or 24 hours from the close of the respective season, whichever comes first. The checking tag shall remain on the bird until it is dressed for consumption.

No person may transport wildlife killed by another hunter, unless the wildlife or parts thereof is accompanied by a paper tag filled out legibly bearing the signature, address, date of kill, hunting license number (if required) and the official game checking tag number (if required) of the hunter who killed the wildlife. The tag shall also specify the species and quantity of wildlife.

## Additional licenses must be purchased:

- to hunt on national forest lands: Class I (required for Class E).
- to hunt with a handgun: Class A-1 (must be age 21 or older, required for all hunters except resident landowners hunting on their own land).

## Resident Landowner Privileges:

West Virginia resident landowners (see page 9) may hunt on their own land without obtaining a license.

Resident landowners hunting on their own property without a license can take the same number of turkeys as a licensed hunter. A hunter (licensee or landowner) cannot take more than the number of turkeys allowed in the respective seasons.

## Firearms and bows legal for hunting wild turkey:

Wild turkey may be hunted with rifles, handguns, muzzleloaders, shotguns, or bows (see exception for Youth Spring Gobbler Season on page 33).

## COMMON VIOLATIONS

Following are the most common violations observed by Conservation Officers during the turkey hunting seasons:

- Hunting over bait
- Hunting without license
- Improper license
- Making false application for license
- Exceeding the limits
- Loaded gun in a vehicle
- Failure to field tag turkey
- Illegal possession of wildlife
- Hunting without permission

## REWARD

Reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of person found guilty of:

- illegally killing a turkey - \$200
- hunting turkey over bait - \$100
- willfully destroying a turkey nest or eggs - \$100

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# 2009 Fall and 2010 Spring Seasons – TURKEY

## 2009 FALL TURKEY SEASON REGULATIONS

### Season Limit: 1

Only one either sex turkey may be taken during the fall hunting season with either bow or gun.

### It is illegal:

- to use electronic calls.
- to hunt with the use of bait.



**Closed:** to all fall turkey hunting

### October 24-31

Brooke  
Hancock  
Harrison  
Marshall  
Mason  
Ohio  
Upshur  
Wirt  
Wood

### October 24 – November 7

Preston

### October 24 – November 21

Berkeley  
Grant  
Greenbrier  
Hampshire  
Hardy  
Mineral  
Monroe  
Morgan  
Nicholas  
Pendleton  
Pocahontas  
Randolph  
Tucker  
Webster

## 2010 SPRING GOBBLER SEASON REGULATIONS

### Season Limit: 2 bearded turkeys

**Statewide: April 26 - May 22, 2010**

**Shooting hours:** ½ hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.

### It is illegal to:

- have an uncased firearm or a bow in your possession in the woods after 1 p.m.
- hunt with dogs
- use electronic calls
- hunt with the use of bait
- take more than one bearded turkey per day

## SPRING GOBBLER SURVEY

The Division of Natural Resources conducts an annual Spring Gobbler Survey. Spring turkey hunters interested in participating in the survey should contact:

**Division of Natural Resources Operations Center**  
c/o Dr. Randy Tucker  
P.O. Box 67 • Elkins, WV 26241  
(304) 637-0245 • email: randytucker@wvdnr.gov

## YOUTH SPRING GOBBLER SEASON

A special one-day youth spring gobbler season will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

The bag limit is one bearded turkey and the harvested bird will count toward the hunter's annual bag limit. Only shotguns using shot size 4, 5 or 6 are legal.

### Youth hunters must:

- be at least 8 years old and no more than 14 years old,
- be accompanied by a licensed adult, at least 21 years of age, who cannot carry a gun or a bow and must remain close enough to render advice and assistance.

**and, if a nonresident,**

- possess a Class XXJ license + CS/LE stamp.

**Nonresident adults accompanying youth hunters must possess Class E+WW+CS/LE licenses, and if hunting on National Forest lands, a Class I stamp.**



# BEAR AND TURKEY – 2008 Harvests

| County                | Black Bear – Archery | Black Bear – Gun | Turkey – Spring | Turkey – Fall |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Barbour               | 17                   | 15               | 224             | Closed        |
| Brooke                | 0                    | 0                | 79              | 12            |
| Hancock               | 0                    | 0                | 71              | 9             |
| Harrison              | 2                    | 0                | 291             | 34            |
| Marion                | 0                    | 0                | 178             | Closed        |
| Marshall              | 0                    | 0                | 222             | 9             |
| Monongalia            | 7                    | 2                | 247             | 30            |
| Ohio                  | 0                    | 0                | 53              | Closed        |
| Preston               | 36                   | 65               | 371             | 89            |
| Taylor                | 1                    | 1                | 115             | Closed        |
| Tucker                | 22                   | 74               | 85              | 31            |
| Wetzel                | 1                    | 0                | 253             | Closed        |
| District I Subtotal   | 86                   | 157              | 2,189           | 214           |
| Berkeley              | 5                    | 1                | 70              | 31            |
| Grant                 | 10                   | 55               | 115             | 74            |
| Hampshire             | 10                   | 5                | 165             | 61            |
| Hardy                 | 19                   | 107              | 141             | 74            |
| Jefferson             | 0                    | 1                | 34              | Closed        |
| Mineral               | 5                    | 7                | 107             | 38            |
| Morgan                | 3                    | 0                | 88              | 26            |
| Pendleton             | 14                   | 174              | 101             | 47            |
| District II Subtotal  | 66                   | 350              | 821             | 351           |
| Braxton               | 9                    | 21               | 199             | Closed        |
| Clay                  | 10                   | 15               | 77              | Closed        |
| Lewis                 | 1                    | 0                | 243             | Closed        |
| Nicholas              | 37                   | 71               | 210             | 39            |
| Pocahontas            | 9                    | 188              | 102             | 74            |
| Randolph              | 56                   | 142              | 163             | 115           |
| Upshur                | 6                    | 18               | 288             | 35            |
| Webster               | 32                   | 110              | 98              | 36            |
| District III Subtotal | 160                  | 565              | 1,380           | 299           |
| Fayette               | 17                   | 84               | 279             | Closed        |
| Greenbrier            | 23                   | 157              | 292             | 84            |
| McDowell              | 24                   | 3                | 250             | Closed        |
| Mercer                | 10                   | 1                | 253             | Closed        |
| Monroe                | 5                    | 9                | 142             | 60            |
| Raleigh               | 21                   | 88               | 221             | Closed        |
| Summers               | 2                    | 1                | 258             | 35            |
| Wyoming               | 15                   | 7                | 209             | Closed        |
| District IV Subtotal  | 117                  | 350              | 1,904           | 179           |
| Boone                 | 13                   | 81               | 118             | Closed        |
| Cabell                | 0                    | 0                | 138             | Closed        |
| Kanawha               | 18                   | 82               | 247             | Closed        |
| Lincoln               | 0                    | 0                | 188             | Closed        |
| Logan                 | 10                   | 3                | 157             | Closed        |
| Mason                 | 0                    | 0                | 394             | 101           |
| Mingo                 | 6                    | 0                | 82              | Closed        |
| Putnam                | 0                    | 0                | 232             | Closed        |
| Wayne                 | 1                    | 0                | 145             | Closed        |
| District V Subtotal   | 48                   | 166              | 1,701           | 101           |
| Calhoun               | 1                    | 1                | 141             | Closed        |
| Doddridge             | 0                    | 0                | 144             | Closed        |
| Gilmer                | 1                    | 1                | 139             | Closed        |
| Jackson               | 0                    | 0                | 310             | Closed        |
| Pleasants             | 0                    | 0                | 89              | 4             |
| Ritchie               | 0                    | 0                | 208             | Closed        |
| Roane                 | 0                    | 0                | 229             | Closed        |
| Tyler                 | 0                    | 0                | 174             | Closed        |
| Wirt                  | 0                    | 0                | 185             | 30            |
| Wood                  | 0                    | 0                | 315             | 28            |
| District VI Subtotal  | 2                    | 2                | 1,934           | 62            |
| <b>State Total</b>    | <b>479</b>           | <b>1,590</b>     | <b>9,929</b>    | <b>1,206</b>  |

# General Regulations – BEAR

**Season Limit: 1 for Archery and Firearms Seasons combined**

## RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT BEAR HUNTING LICENSE PRIVILEGES

One black bear may be taken during the archery or firearms seasons.

To hunt black bear, hunters must possess one of the following valid license combinations: resident (Classes X+DS, Classes XJ+DS, Classes AB-L+DS, Classes A-L+DS, or Classes A+CS+DS+BG); or a free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW, Senior Citizen or Class DT); or nonresident (Classes EE+DS+CS/LE or Class DT). Underage residents and resident landowners (see page 9) hunting on their own land may hunt bear without a license. Class DT license holders must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age or older.

### Additional licenses must be purchased:

- to hunt on national forest lands: Class I (required for Class EE)
- to hunt with a handgun: Class A-1 (must be 21 or older, required for all hunters except resident landowners)

## PENALTIES FOR CHAPTER 20 BEAR LAW VIOLATIONS

These penalties are not subject to suspension by the court.

### 1st Offense

\$1,000 to \$5,000 fine or 30 to 100 days in jail, or both. Also includes suspension of hunting and fishing licenses for two years.

### 2nd Offense

\$2,000 to \$7,000 fine or 30 days to one year in jail, or both. Also includes suspension of hunting and fishing licenses for life.

### 3rd Offense

FELONY - \$5,000 to \$10,000 fine or 1 to 5 years in prison, or both.

### It is illegal to:

- hunt bears with the use of bait.
- feed bears.
- hunt a bear with:
  - » a shotgun using ammunition loaded with more than one solid ball.
  - » a rifle of less than .25 caliber using rimfire ammunition.
  - » a pistol or revolver using a straight-walled case of less than .357 magnum cartridge or a bottlenecked case of less than .24 caliber.
  - » a muzzleloading pistol of less than .38 caliber.
  - » a crossbow, except for the holder of a Class Y or YY permit during designated archery season. Crossbows must have:
    - a draw weight of at least 125 pounds.
    - a working safety.
    - bolts at least 18 inches long.
    - broadheads with at least two cutting edges at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in width.
  - » arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in width.
- use a bow-locking device, except with a modified bow permit issued by the Director.
- use an arrow with an explosive, drug-laced or poisoned head or shaft.
- hunt bear between  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after sunset and  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunrise.
- kill or attempt to kill any bear through the use of poison, explosives, snares, steel traps or deadfalls.
- **shoot at or kill a bear weighing less than 75 pounds live weight or 50 pounds field dressed weight or to kill any bear accompanied by a cub or to kill any cub accompanied by another bear, regardless of its weight.**
- pursue a bear, after the chase has begun, with dogs not in use at the beginning of the hunt.
- kill more than one bear per year.
- organize for commercial purposes, or to professionally outfit a bear hunt, or to give or receive any consideration whatsoever or any donation in money, goods or services in connection with a bear hunt.
- for nonresidents to hunt bear with dogs, except in certain designated counties during the bear gun season (see page 36).
- use an electronic call.

# BEAR – General Regulations

## FIELD TAGGING, CHECKING AND TRANSPORTING

Each person killing a bear must attach a completed field tag to the bear or remain with the bear and have upon their person a completed field tag before moving the carcass from where it was killed. A person who does not have a tag must make one. This tag must bear the hunter's name, address, hunting license number (if required) and the date, time and county of kill. Immediately upon arriving at a residence, camp, hunting lodge, vehicle or vessel the field tag shall be attached to the bear and must remain on the carcass until it is tagged with an official game checking tag.

A person killing a bear must, within 24 hours after the kill, transport the bear or its fresh skin to a conservation officer or an official game checking station for retagging. A checking tag must be affixed to the bear before any part of it may be transported more than 75 miles from the point of kill, and shall remain on the skin until it is tanned or mounted.

## DOG TRAINING

The same licenses required for bear hunting are required for the training of dogs on bear.

Training for nonresidents may begin October 10, 2009 and continue through February 28, 2010.

- It is unlawful for a person to permit a dog owned by him or under his control to chase, pursue or follow upon the track of any deer or wild turkey.
- Residents may train dogs on bear on private land with the landowner's written permission, or on public lands, at any time. Prohibitions on Sunday hunting apply to dog training.
- Persons training dogs may not have firearms or other implements for the taking of wildlife in their possession during closed seasons on wild animals and birds.
- A person may not be guilty of hunting without permission just because their dog, without their direction or encouragement, travels onto another person's land where they do not have permission to hunt, providing no game is taken, livestock or domestic animals killed or damage done to that property. Dogs may not be retrieved without the landowner's permission.
- No person other than the owner of a registered dog may remove a tag, collar or other identifying apparel, nor remove or turn off a radio transmitting collar without the permission of the owner, unless it is necessary to prevent or treat an injury to the dog, or is done by a law-enforcement officer for law enforcement purposes.

No person may transport wildlife killed by another hunter, unless the wildlife or parts thereof is accompanied by a paper tag filled out legibly bearing the signature, address, date of kill, hunting license number (if required) and the official game checking tag number (if required) of the hunter who killed the wildlife. The tag shall also specify the species and quantity of wildlife.

## BEAR TOOTH COLLECTION

The Division of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently studying factors related to the productivity and mortality of black bears in West Virginia. As part of this research effort, radio collars, ear tags and lip tattoos have been placed on a number of bears. Anyone observing a bear wearing a radio collar or ear tag is asked to report the number of the tag (if obtainable) to the DNR. Hunters who harvest a bear with a radio collar and/or ear tag should return this equipment to the DNR.

Successful bear hunters can contribute to this research effort by either pulling or allowing a small tooth or two to be pulled and submitted to the bear project. Hunters pulling a bear tooth should refer to the accompanying diagram.

*Use a screwdriver to pry out the teeth located just in back of the large canines as shown. This is difficult to do without breaking the roots, so work slowly.*



Each bear's tooth (or teeth) pulled should be taped to an index card, placed in a small envelope and labeled with the hunters name, county of kill, bear weight, sex and check tag number and dropped off at an official game checking station or mailed to the DNR at: Elkins Operation Center, PO Box 67, Elkins, WV 26241. After processing the tooth, the DNR will provide you with the age of the animal. If you do not collect a tooth please contact the appropriate District DNR office to make arrangements for a tooth to be collected prior to processing the bear or disposing of the skull.

A tagged bear may have been tranquilized. Please contact the District Wildlife Biologist prior to consumption of meat.

# Archery Season – BEAR

**Season Limit: 1**

**Statewide: October 17, 2009 – November 21, 2009**

## BEAR REPRODUCTIVE TRACT COLLECTION

WV Wildlife Biologists are continuing to collect female bear reproductive tracts. Information from these tracts, as well as a premolar tooth from each bear, will reveal such data as breeding ages of females, number of cubs produced, age structure of the female population and reproductive success. Please help us obtain as much information as possible by following the outlined procedures. You may call any District DNR office or the Elkins Operations Center for assistance.

**District 1:** (304) 825-6787

**District 2:** (304) 822-3551

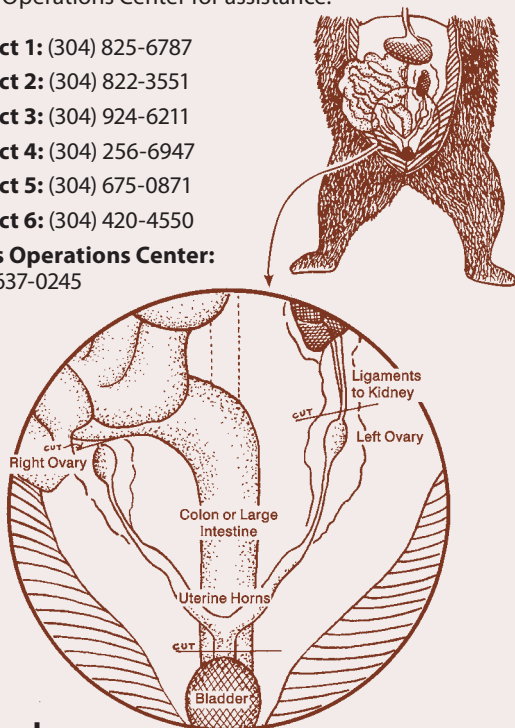
**District 3:** (304) 924-6211

**District 4:** (304) 256-6947

**District 5:** (304) 675-0871

**District 6:** (304) 420-4550

**Elkins Operations Center:**  
(304) 637-0245



### Procedures

1. Open bear abdominal cavity.
2. Move intestines aside.
3. Locate bladder.
4. Note uterus under bladder, over large intestine.
5. Remove uterus and ovaries by cutting as outlined in the above diagram. Be certain to get both ovaries which are each about the size of an acorn. They may be buried in large amounts of fat.
6. Put in plastic bag and place in cool location (in refrigerator if available), and notify DNR personnel.
7. If scales are available, weigh the bear.

One bear may be taken with a bow during the bear archery season. No person may take more than one bear annually during the archery and firearms seasons combined.

**The use of dogs while bow hunting for black bear is illegal during the bear archery season.**



# BEAR – Firearms Season

## Season Limit: 1

One bear may be taken during the bear firearms seasons. No person may take more than one bear annually in archery and firearms seasons combined.

**Counties not listed are closed to firearms bear hunting.**

**A bow, but not a crossbow, may be substituted for a firearm during bear firearms season.**



## May Hunt Bear With Or Without Dogs

### September 21-26 and December 7-31

Boone  
Fayette  
Kanawha  
Raleigh

### December 7-31

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Barbour<br>(East of Route 92)  | Mineral<br>(West of New Creek) |
| Braxton<br>(East of I-79)  | Mingo                          |
| Clay<br>(South of Elk River)   | Monroe<br>(East of Route 219)  |
| Grant  | Nicholas                       |
| Greenbrier   | Pendleton                      |
| Hampshire<br>(With dogs only on Nathaniel Mountain WMA by special permit)* | Pocahontas                     |
| Hardy  | Preston                        |
| Logan  | Randolph                       |
| McDowell   | Tucker                         |
|  | Upshur<br>(East of Route 20)   |
|  | Webster                        |
|  | Wyoming                        |

## SPECIAL SEASONS AND RESTRICTIONS

### \*Nathaniel Mountain WMA

A special controlled Black Bear season will be open on Nathaniel Mountain WMA in Hampshire County. Hunters who use dogs must apply for a permit between October 1-31, 2009, at the District 2 DNR

office in Romney (304-822-3551) which will allow for one party of no more than four hunters and eight dogs to hunt on the WMA for a selected two-day period. Hunters who hunt without dogs may participate in bear hunting on the WMA during this season without having a special permit.

## May NOT Hunt Bear With Dogs

### November 23 – December 5

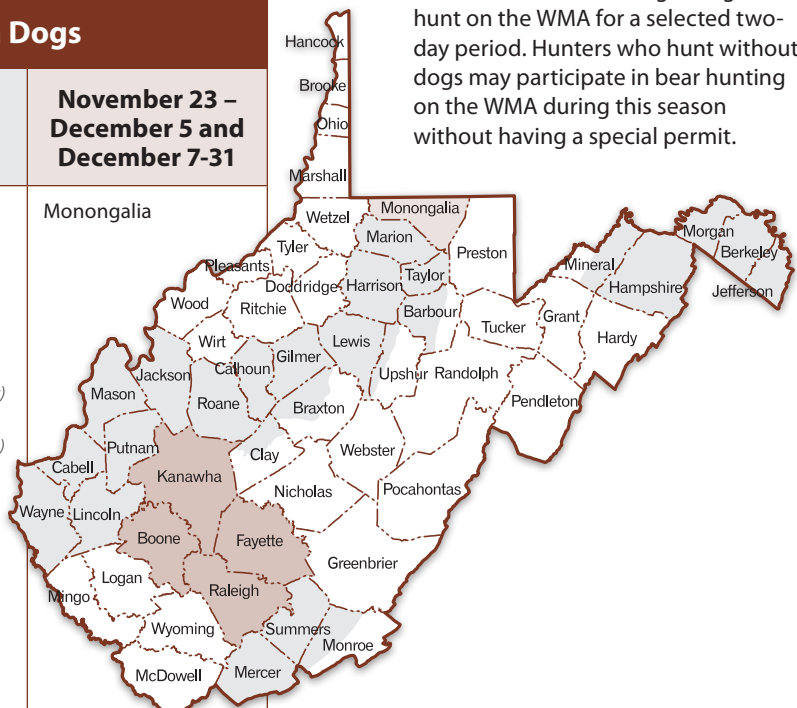
Boone  
Fayette  
Kanawha  
Raleigh

### December 7 - 31

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Barbour<br>(West of Route 92)  | Lewis                          |
| Berkeley   | Lincoln                        |
| Braxton<br>(West of I-79)  | Marion                         |
| Cabell   | Mason                          |
| Calhoun  | Mercer                         |
| Clay<br>(North of Elk River)   | Mineral<br>(East of New Creek) |
| Gilmer   | Monroe<br>(West of Route 219)  |
| Hampshire<br>(With dogs only on Nathaniel Mountain WMA by special permit)* | Morgan                         |
| Harrison   | Putnam                         |
| Jackson  | Roane                          |
| Jefferson  | Summers                        |
|  | Taylor                         |
|  | Upshur<br>(West of Route 20)   |
|  | Wayne                          |

### November 23 – December 5 and December 7-31

Monongalia





# 2009 Archery and Firearms Seasons – BOAR

Season Limit: 1    Archery Season: October 17 – December 31    Firearms Season: October 24-31

## BOAR HUNTING LICENSE PRIVILEGES

### Residents Only – No Application Required

To hunt wild boar, hunters must possess one of the following base licenses or license combinations: Class X, XJ, AB-L, A-L or Classes A+BG+CS or a free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW, Senior Citizen or Class DT). Underage residents and resident landowners hunting on their own land may hunt wild boar without a license. Holders of Class DT licenses must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age or older.

## REGULATIONS

**Shooting hours:** ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Wild boar may be taken during wild boar seasons with a bow (or a crossbow for the holder of a Class Y permit during archery season) or with firearms legal in West Virginia for taking deer (see page 10).

Use of dogs and/or bait is prohibited.

Use of electronic calls is prohibited.

Only one wild boar may be taken per year.

## CONCURRENT HUNTING

Concurrent hunting of small game, using a shotgun or a bow, is permitted during wild boar seasons. Concurrent hunting of deer and bear, in counties where legal, is permitted during boar seasons.



## FIELD TAGGING AND CHECKING

Each person killing a boar must attach a completed field tag to the boar or remain with the boar and have upon their person a completed field tag before moving the carcass from where it was killed. A person who does not have a tag must make one. This tag must bear the hunter's name, address, hunting license number (if required) and the date, time and county of kill. Immediately upon arriving at a residence, camp, hunting lodge, vehicle or vessel the field tag shall be attached to the boar and must remain on the carcass until it is tagged with an official game checking tag.

All boar killed must be taken to an official game checking station or a conservation officer in the county of kill within 24 hours for retagging.

## WILD BOAR SEASONS COUNTIES

Boone, Logan, Raleigh and Wyoming counties are open to boar archery and firearms seasons.

|   |  |
|---|--|
|  | <b>Archery:</b> October 17 - December 31<br><b>Firearms:</b> October 24 - 31 |
|  | <b>Closed:</b> to all boar hunting   |



# CWD – Questions and Answers

## What is CWD – Chronic Wasting Disease?

CWD is a neurological (brain and nervous system) disease of deer and elk known to occur in limited geographical locations in North America. The disease belongs to a family of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE). These diseases are caused by an abnormal form of a protein called a prion. While CWD is similar to mad cow disease in cattle and scrapie in sheep, there is no known relationship between CWD and any other TSE of animals or people. In deer and elk there is no practical test of live animals to detect CWD and there is no known treatment or vaccine.

## How is it spread?

It is not known exactly how CWD is spread. It is thought that the most common mode of transmission from an infected animal is via saliva, but feces, urine and possibly other body secretions may transmit the infectious prion. There is evidence that people moving live infected animals have spread the disease over long distances.

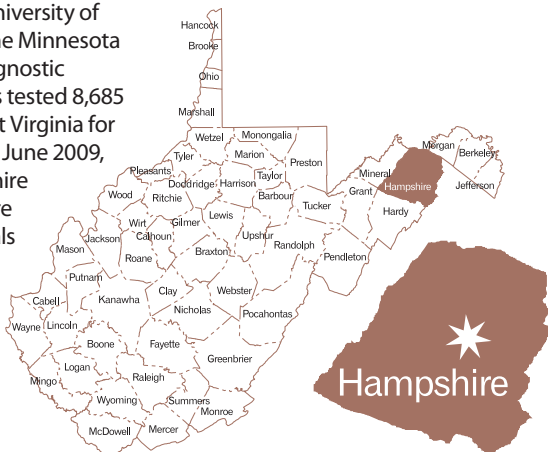
## Is it dangerous to humans?

There currently is no convincing evidence that the agent of CWD affects humans. However, public health officials recommend that human exposure to the CWD agent be avoided as they continue to research the disease. This includes not eating meat from known infected animals or animals that appear sick.

## Where has it been found?

As of June 2009, CWD is known to infect free-ranging deer and elk in portions of Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Wyoming, and Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada. In addition, CWD has been found in captive/farmed elk and white-tailed deer in Colorado, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada.

In West Virginia, CWD has been found in 45 white-tailed deer in Hampshire County. Two of the positive deer were road-killed, the first CWD positive deer in WV detected in 2005 and another in 2008. Thirteen positive deer were hunter harvested, one in 2006, six in 2007 and six in 2008. The remaining positives were collected by West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) personnel in cooperation with local Hampshire County landowners to monitor the disease. Since 2002, the WVDNR, Wildlife Resources Section, in cooperation with the SE Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study at the University of Georgia and the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory has tested 8,685 deer from West Virginia for CWD and as of June 2009, the 45 Hampshire County deer are the only animals found thus far to have the abnormal prion associated with CWD.



## What is being done about the discovery of CWD in WV?

The discovery of CWD in Hampshire County, West Virginia represents a significant threat to the state's white-tailed deer. The disease does not create an immediate widespread die-off of deer, but if allowed to spread will cause long-term damage to the herd. The DNR is taking action to gather more information on the prevalence and distribution of the disease in the area surrounding all known infected deer. The DNR also discourages supplemental feeding and baiting of deer, and restricts the disposal and transport of deer carcasses from within Hampshire County. There are no proven solutions to combating CWD once present in free-ranging deer. Thus future management actions will be adaptive and based on the findings of current and future surveillance. Testing of road-killed deer in all WV counties has been continuous since 2002 and no CWD-positive deer have been detected except for two road-killed deer from Hampshire County, one in 2005 and one in 2008.

## How can you tell if a deer has CWD?

Infected animals may not show any symptoms of the disease. In some stages of the disease, however, infected animals begin to lose control of bodily functions and display abnormal behavior such as staggering or standing with very poor posture and lose fear of humans. Infected animals become very emaciated (thus wasting disease), appear in very poor body condition, and often stand in or near water and drink excessively. Drooling or excessive salivation may be apparent. However, these symptoms are not unique to CWD and are also characteristic of diseases other than CWD.

## What can hunters do?

- If you kill a severely emaciated (very skinny) deer or a deer that is obviously sick contact the WV DNR Wildlife Resources Section office nearest you.
- Do not feed or bait deer. These practices concentrate deer, increase the likelihood of spread of any disease present in the deer herd, and may introduce foreign contaminants via the feed or bait.
- Harvest adequate numbers of antlerless deer to maintain deer populations in balance with natural food supplies. A deer population in balance with available habitat is healthier and better able to fight diseases.
- Use caution in spreading urine based lures in the environment and avoid placing deer lures on the ground or on vegetation where deer can reach them. Placing them out of reach of deer still allows air circulation to disperse the scent.
- If you plan to hunt deer or elk in a state known or suspected to harbor CWD follow that state's rules on removing animals from the area. Bring back only boned out meat and thoroughly cleaned skull plates and antlers.
- If you hunt in Hampshire County, see special regulations regarding carcass transport and disposal, and baiting and feeding on page 11. Also, please cooperate with WVDNR requests for information and samples needed for CWD testing.
- If you observe live deer or elk being transported in a truck or trailer notify your local DNR office as soon as possible.

# Valid Base and Combinations – LICENSES

| Hunter Type          | Deer Archery  | Deer Buck Gun                                     | Deer Antlerless  | Deer Muzzleloader   | Black Bear       | Wild Turkey    | Wild Boar     |
|----------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Resident**</b>    | A-L   | A-L   | A-L + N  | A-L   | A-L + DS         | A-L            | A-L           |
|                      | AB-L  | AB-L  | AB-L + N   | AB-L  | AB-L + DS        | AB-L           | AB-L          |
|                      | X   | X   | X+N  | X   | X+DS             | X              | X             |
|                      | XJ  | XJ  | XJ+N   | XJ  | XJ+DS            | XJ             | XJ            |
|                      | A + CS + BG   | A + CS  | A + CS + N   | A + CS + BG   | A + CS + DS + BG | A + CS + BG    | A + CS + BG   |
|                      | Free License*   | Free License*                                     | Free License* + N  | Free License*   | Free License*    | Free License*  | Free License* |
|                      | One of the above + up to three RBs for additional deer in specified counties  | One of the above + an RG for one additional buck  | May purchase up to four Class N stamps to be used in specified counties  | One of the above + up to two RM additional muzzleloader deer      |                  |                |               |
|                      | DT  | DT  | DT   | DT  | DT               | DT             | DT            |
| <b>Nonresident**</b> | E + CS/LE + UU  | E + CS/LE   | E + CS/LE + NN   | E + CS/LE + VV  | EE + CS/LE + DS  | E + CS/LE + WW | <b>CLOSED</b> |
|                      | XXJ + CS/LE   | XXJ + CS/LE                                       | XXJ + CS/LE + NN   | XXJ + CS/LE   |                  | XXJ + CS/LE    |               |
|                      | One of the above + up to three RRBs for additional deer in specified counties | One of the above + an RRG for one additional buck | May purchase up to four Class NN stamps to be used in specified counties | One of the above + up to two RRM for additional muzzleloader deer |                  |                |               |
|                      | DT  | DT  | DT   | DT  | DT               | DT             |               |
|                      |   |   |  |   |                  |                |               |

\*Free Licenses include: Active Military, Senior Citizen, former POW and Disabled Veteran. \*\*Handgun hunting also requires Class A-1 License. See page 42 for complete license information. For Class DT license information, see page 9.

## PURCHASING A LICENSE IN 2009-2010



### Licenses may be obtained as follows:

1. At over 350 retail agent locations throughout the state and all county clerks offices (\$3 issuing fee for first purchase and \$1 for subsequent purchases).
2. [www.wvhunt.com](http://www.wvhunt.com)  
(Official WVDNR Web site – \$2 fee per transaction)
3. Directly from the Hunting and Fishing License Unit by phoning (304) 558-2758 (\$2 fee per transaction).

### For additional information contact:

**Hunting and Fishing License Unit**  
West Virginia Division of Natural Resources  
324 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
South Charleston, West Virginia 25305  
(304) 558-2758 • [customerservice@wvdnr.gov](mailto:customerservice@wvdnr.gov)

## RESIDENTS

### Under the age of 15

may hunt or trap without a license when accompanied by a licensed adult age 18 or older except for youth seasons when licensed adult must be age 21 or older.

#### Licenses required:

- to hunt antlerless deer: Class N
- to hunt additional deer: Class RG (buck), RM (muzzleloader), RB (archery)

### 65 years of age or older

must carry a WV driver's license or photo ID card issued by the DMV to hunt, trap or fish.

#### Licenses required:

- to hunt antlerless deer: Class N
- to hunt additional deer: Class RG (buck), RM (muzzleloader), RB (archery)
- to hunt with a pistol: Class A-1
- Federal Migratory Waterfowl Stamp
- to hunt waterfowl or migratory birds: free HIP card

# LICENSES – 2009-2010 Hunting and Trapping Fees

Hunting, trapping and fishing licenses are good for the calendar year. You must buy new licenses at the beginning of each year. *Some license and stamp fees will increase effective January 1, 2010. These new fees are indicated by (\$\$).*

See page 41 for purchasing a license in 2009-2010.

## RESIDENT LICENSES

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| <b>Conservation Stamp (Class CS):</b> .....  | \$5         |
| Required for all licensed hunters and anglers except holders of Class X, XJ, A-L, B-L and AB-L licenses  |             |
| <b>Hunting and Trapping License (Class A):</b> .....   | \$18 (\$19) |
| <b>Sportsman Hunting/Trapping/Fishing License (Class X):</b> .....   | \$33 (\$35) |
| For ages 18 through 64. Includes privileges of Conservation Stamp, Class A, B and BG licenses  |             |
| <b>Junior Sportsman Hunting/Trapping/Fishing License (Class XJ):</b> .....   | \$15 (\$16) |
| Similar to Class X, but for ages 15-17   |             |
| <b>Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp (Class N):</b> .....  | \$10        |
| Must be accompanied by a Class A, A-L, AB-L, X, XJ or free license   |             |
| <b>Additional Archery Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RB):</b> .....   | \$20 (\$21) |
| Must be accompanied by a Class A+BG, A-L, AB-L, X, XJ or free license  |             |
| <b>Additional Firearms Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RG):</b> .....  | \$20 (\$21) |
| Must be accompanied by a Class A, A-L, AB-L, X, XJ or free license   |             |
| <b>Additional Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RM):</b> .....  | \$15 (\$16) |
| Must be accompanied by a Class A+BG, A-L, AB-L, X, XJ or free license  |             |
| <b>Resident Big Game Stamp (Class BG):</b> .....   | \$10        |
| Required of Class A license holders to hunt deer during the archery and muzzleloader deer seasons, and to hunt bear (must also have Class DS), wild turkey and wild boar |             |

## LIFETIME LICENSES

Resident lifetime hunting, trapping and fishing licenses serve in lieu of the equivalent annual license; applications are available at Division of Natural Resources offices and all license agents.

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| <b>Combination Hunting, Trapping and Fishing (Class AB-L):</b> .....             | \$760 (\$805)    |
| <b>Combination Hunting, Trapping and Fishing - Infant (Class AB-L-I)*:</b> ..... | \$380 (\$402.50) |
| <b>Hunting and Trapping (Class A-L):</b> .....                                   | \$760 (\$782)    |
| <b>Hunting and Trapping - Infant (Class A-L-I)*:</b> .....                       | \$380 (\$391)    |
| <b>Small Arms Hunting (Class A-1-L):</b> .....                                   | \$75             |

*Class BG License and Conservation Stamp not required with the Class AB-L, A-L, A-L-I and AB-L-I Lifetime Licenses.*

*\*Must be purchased prior to infant's second birthday.*

## RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT LICENSES

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| <b>Bear Damage Stamp (Class DS):</b> .....   | \$10 |
| Required to hunt or chase bear. Must be accompanied by Class A+BG, A-L, AB-L, EE, X, XJ or C license       |      |
| <b>Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP):</b> .....   | FREE |
| Required of all licensed migratory bird hunters  |      |
| <b>Small Arms Hunting Stamp (Class A-1):</b> .....   | \$8  |
| For ages 21 or older. Must be accompanied by a Class A, A-L, AB-L, X, E, EE, H, J or free license          |      |
| <b>Special Hunting and Fishing License for Persons with a Life-threatening Condition (Class DT):</b> ..... | FREE |
| Issued for ages 20 or less. Requires no additional licenses or stamps.                                     |      |

## NONRESIDENT LICENSES

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| <b>Conservation/Law Enforcement Stamp (Class CS/LE):</b> .....                | \$12 (\$13)   |
| Required for all licensed hunters and anglers                                 |               |
| <b>National Forest Hunting/Trapping/Fishing Stamp (Class I):</b> .....        | \$2           |
| Required on National Forests in addition to a Class E, F, EE, LL or H license |               |
| <b>Statewide Hunting /Trapping License (Class E):</b> .....                   | \$110 (\$119) |
| <b>Statewide Fishing License (Class F):</b> .....                             | \$35 (\$37)   |
| <b>Junior Sportsman Hunting/Trapping/Fishing License (Class XXJ):</b> .....   | \$15 (\$16)   |
| Ages 8-17 (not required for fishing under age 15)                             |               |
| <b>Bear Hunting License (Class EE):</b> .....                                 | \$150 (\$162) |
| <b>Small Game Hunting License (Class H):</b> .....                            | \$25 (\$27)   |
| Six days  |               |
| <b>Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp (Class NN):</b> .....                        | \$25 (\$27)   |
| Must be accompanied by a Class E or XXJ license                               |               |
| <b>Additional Archery Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RRB):</b> .....               | \$35 (\$37)   |
| Must be accompanied by a Class E +UU or XXJ license                           |               |
| <b>Additional Firearms Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RRG):</b> .....              | \$40 (\$43)   |
| Must be accompanied by a Class E or XXJ license                               |               |
| <b>Additional Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Stamp (Class RRM):</b> .....          | \$35 (\$37)   |
| Must be accompanied by a Class E+VV or XXJ license                            |               |
| <b>Archery Deer Hunting Stamp (Class UU):</b> .....                           | \$30 (\$32)   |
| Must be accompanied by a Class E license                                      |               |
| <b>Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Stamp (Class VV):</b> .....                      | \$30 (\$32)   |
| Must be accompanied by a Class E license                                      |               |
| <b>Turkey Hunting Stamp (Class WW):</b> .....                                 | \$30 (\$32)   |
| Must be accompanied by a Class E license                                      |               |
| <b>Commercial Small Game Shooting Preserve License (Class J):</b> .....       | \$10          |
| Available only at <a href="http://www.wvhunt.com">www.wvhunt.com</a>          |               |